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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

WATERBOAT CO.

\$1.25 DIVIDEND FOR LAST YEAR.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1926.

The 22nd annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. will be held on Jan. 31 at 11 a.m.

Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. (general managers) in their report and statement of accounts for the year ended Dec. 31, 1926, state:

The profit for the year, after writing off depreciation and including balance brought forward from last account, amounts to \$51,292.38 which the Consulting Committee recommend applying as follows:

Transfer to Insurance Fund \$ 5,000.00
Transfer to Special Reserve Account 5,000.00

To pay a dividend of \$1.25 per share on 27,723 shares which will absorb 34,553.75

Carry Forward to 1927 6,598.63

\$51,292.38

Consulting Committee:—Since last meeting Mr. T. de Meester has resigned and Mr. C. F. J. Quarles van Ufford has been invited to join the Committee.

Auditors:—The accounts under review have been audited by Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Chartered Accountants, who retire and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

The profit on working was \$53,466.45. Depreciation written off amounts to \$15,000. The balance brought forward from last year was \$5,734.71.

More Contracts.

\$1,350,000 Engineering Scheme.

Further welcome orders for engineering work abroad and for ships have been placed in Britain.

Two engineering contracts, representing a total of \$600,000, have been secured by British firms for the construction of public works in Bolivia, South America. Until the agreements have been signed, the names of the contractors cannot be disclosed.

The first order is for the installation of a sewage, drainage, and water supply system in Oruro, a railway junction in the centre of an important tin, silver, and gold-mining district. The estimated cost is \$450,000.

The other contract is for the construction of a navigation canal between Oruro and the Desaguadero River, and for dredging the river as far as Lake Titicaca. The estimated cost is \$150,000.

Messrs. Dorman, Long, and Co., of Middlesbrough, have secured two contracts in the face of American and foreign competition.

One is for the construction of a large bridge over the Atbara River, in the Sudan. The staff and plant now employed on the bridge contract at Khartoum will be transferred on its completion to erect the Atbara Bridge. The contract is understood to be worth \$700,000 to \$750,000.

The other contract is for structural steelwork for an imposing new building in Shanghai for Messrs. David Sassoon and Co., Ltd. The total weight of steel involved exceeds 5,000 tons. The work is to begin forthwith and is to be completed by the autumn of next year.

The Palmers S. and I. Co., Jarrow, have booked an order from the Gulf Refining Company, Philadelphia, America, for a tanker which is in addition to two ordered recently. The company expect to start two blast furnaces early this year and will also open their iron-ore mines in Cleveland.

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B.N.B. TRADE.

A TEMPORARY DIVERSION TO SINGAPORE.

CHINA TROUBLE EFFECTS.

The Commissioner of Customs and Excise for British North Borneo (Mr. M. M. Clark) reports on the trade of the country generally during 1926 as follows:

Our exports exceeded our imports by \$10,562,209, the value of exports, \$17,861,562, being far and away a record. The total value of import and export trade also constituted a record, but this was due to exceptional export figures, the import values having been exceeded in previous years.

The cultivated rubber industry has been responsible for the better showing, the effect of restriction having at last made itself felt, in anything to a greater extent than anticipated, rubber prices having soared to unexpected heights.

Against this, trade with Hong Kong and China suffered a severe setback, due to political conditions in the latter territory, and Sandakan felt the drought more than any other place, although business in sea produce, jungle produce, birds and eggs and salt was affected generally at all Residences, due to the Hong Kong market being more or less temporarily closed to exporters.

At a Disadvantage.

A good deal of this trade will probably eventually be temporarily diverted to Singapore, until such time as China, the "sick man," recovers.

Meanwhile, until this occurs, Sandakan trade will be somewhat at a disadvantage, although it has benefited like that in other Residences by the temporary rubber boom.

Taking it all round, the rubber situation had a very beneficial effect, money was in circulation, the planting companies were better off financially, a further considerable amelioration of our trade balance occurred, and more labour was in employment generally.

Total Value of Trade.

The aggregate values of the import and export trade, excluding treasure, were:

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A further considerable improvement took place in the trade balance, i.e., surplus of exports over imports, excluding treasure, was \$10,562,209 as against \$4,110,172 in 1924, or \$6,452,037 more, equal to 156.9 per cent. We imported, apart from treasure, \$7,289,353 worth of merchandise, and exported to the value of \$17,861,562, which means that for every \$100 expended on imports, nearly \$245 in exports were sent away.

The year 1926 commences under fairly good auspices, the chief drawback being the state of affairs in China which has affected our timber trade chiefly and will unfortunately react upon it for some time.

OUR IMPERIAL TRADE.

Mr. P. J. Hannon, M.P., initiated a discussion on "Imperial Preference and Safeguarding of Industries" at a dinner of the Old Colony Club, held at the club, Sir Hamar Greenwood, M.P., presided.

Mr. Hannon said that for the year ended September last, of the \$690,000,000 worth of exports that left the country, \$322,000,000 were sold to British Overseas possessions. India was our best customer, taking \$84,000,000 worth, Australia took \$61,000,

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LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Appraisers
and Surveyors.

Public Auctions—

THE Undersigned have received
instructions from Madam A.
Cousins to sell by Public Auction

WEDNESDAY,

the 26th January, 1927,
commencing at 2.45 p.m.
at No. 4, Felix Villa, Mount Davis
Road, Pokfulam.

**A Quantity of
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE**

Comprising:—
Teak Hatstand, Chesterfield
Couch, Chairs, Bookcase, Pictures,
Ornaments, etc., etc.
Teak Dining Table, Sideboard,
Dinner Wagon, Dinner Set, Glass
Ware, Cutlery, Cooking Stove and
Utensils, etc., etc.

Double and Single Teak Bed-
steads, Wardrobes with Glass
Doors, Chest of Drawers, Dressing
Tables, Marble Top Washstands,
Electric Table Fans, etc., etc.

ALSO

1 Cottage Piano by "W. Bach &
Co." Berlin.

1 Victrola XIV and Records.

AND

1 Hot Pots and Plants.

On View from Tuesday, the 25th
January, 1927.

Catalogues will be issued.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 20th January, 1927.

THE Undersigned have received
instructions to sell by Public
Auction

on THURSDAY,

the 27th January, 1927,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

**A Nice Assortment of
CHINESE CURIOS**

comprising:—
Porcelains, Bronzes, Jade, China
ese Prints, Agate, Amber, Crystal,
etc., etc.

ALSO

A Few Pieces
CANTON BLACKWOOD WARE,
(Particulars from Catalogue).

On View from Wednesday, the
26th January, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 20th January, 1927.

THE Undersigned have received
instructions to sell by Public
Auction

on FRIDAY,

the 28th January, 1927,
commencing at 2.45 p.m.

at No. 10, Kennedy Road.

**A Large Quantity of
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE**

Comprising:—
Dining Room Suite (made by Wm.
Powell Ltd.), Teak Bedsteads,
Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers,
Dressing Tables, Desk, etc., etc.

ALSO

A Few Pieces of
**CANTON BLACKWOOD
FURNITURE**

AND
One Okeh Phonograph.

Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Thursday, the 27th
January, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 24th January, 1927.

NOTICES.**G. R.****STREET FIRE ALARMS.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the number of STREET FIRE
ALARMS now installed in the Colony amounts to 42. A
complete list, indicating their respective positions, is given here-
under:—

HONG KONG

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (1) In Queen's Road East | at Arsenal Street |
| (2) In Queen's Road Central | at City Hall. |
| (3) In Des Voeux Road Central | at Pedder Street. |
| (4) In Des Voeux Road Central | at Man Wa Lane. |
| (5) In Des Voeux Road Central | at Gilman Bazaar. |
| (6) In Wing Lok Street | at Bonham Strand. |
| (7) In Jervois Street | at Hillier Street. |
| (8) In Lower Albert Road | at Wyndham Street. |
| (9) In Lyndhurst Terrace | at Pottinger Street. |
| (10) In Hollywood Road | at Peel Street. |
| (11) In Hollywood Road | at Ladder Street. |
| (12) In Hollywood Road | at Sai Street. |
| (13) In Po Yan Street | at Tung Wah Hospital. |
| (14) In Queen's Road West | at Bonham Strand, West. |
| (15) In Des Voeux Road West | at Wilmer Street. |
| (16) In Des Voeux Road West | at Eastern Street. |
| (17) In Queen's Road West | at Western Street. |
| (18) In Des Voeux Road West | at Sands Street. |
| (19) In Catchick Street | at Cadogan Street. |
| (20) In Queen's Road West | at Hill Road. |
| (21) In Queen's Road West | at Second Street. |
| (22) In Western Street | at Centre Street. |
| (23) In High Street | at Hospital Road. |
| (24) In Bonham Road | at Sing Wong Street. |
| (25) In Bonham Road | at Castle Road. |
| (26) In Calne Road | at Arbutnot Road. |
| (27) In Calne Road | at Mosque Street. |
| (28) In Upper Albert Road | |
| (29) In Robinson Road | |

KOWLOON

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) In Nathan Road | at Haiphong Road. |
| (2) In Nathan Road | at Austin Road. |
| (3) In Nathan Road | at Gascoigne Road. |
| (4) In Shanghai Street | at Jordan Road. |
| (5) In Shanghai Street | at Wing Sing Lane. |
| (6) In Shanghai Street | at Pit Street. |
| (7) In Canton Road | at Navy Street. |
| (8) In Kimberly Road | at Carnarvon Road. |
| (9) In Chatham Road | at Austin Avenue. |
| (10) In Chatham Road | at Winslow Street. |
| (11) In Wu Hu Street | at Taku Street. |
| (12) In Kowloon City Road | at Tok Kwa Wan Road. |

Each of the above Fire Alarms leads directly into a Fire Station
where they transmit an instantaneous call. The Public are therefore
requested to acquaint themselves with the positions of these Alarms
and, when practicable, to use them in preference to the telephone,
when giving a call to a fire.

Hong Kong, 25th January, 1927.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received
instructions from The Execu-
tors of the Estate of The late Dr.
J. C. D. Allan to sell by Public
Auction

on THURSDAY,

the 27th January, 1927,
at 3 o'clock p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell
Street.

Three Stag Heads.

On View from Wednesday, the
26th January, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 25th January, 1927.

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instructions from The Execu-
tors of the Estate of The late Dr.
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Auction

on THURSDAY,

the 27th January, 1927,
at 3 o'clock p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell
Street.

One 4-Seater Fiat 509 Motor-car

On View on Day of Sale.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 25th January, 1927.

THE Undersigned have received
instructions to sell by Public
Auction

on FRIDAY,

the 28th January, 1927,
commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell
Street.

A Collection of 2,500 Stamps
including Chinese Errors, Hong
Kong (Pine of 50 Jubilee) showing
Error "Short U" etc., etc.

Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Thursday, the 27th
January, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 24th January, 1927.

NOTICES.**COMMODORE'S OFFICERS'
DANCE.****H.M.S. "TAMAR."****TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.**

ALL Traffic will enter by the
Prince of Wales Gate and proceed
by outer wall to TAMAR.

ALL Traffic will leave by MAIN
GATE.

CARS may be parked on football
ground immediately after entering
Prince of Wales Gate, if desired.

If parked after dropping passengers
in Tamar they must proceed through
MAIN GATES, QUEEN'S ROAD,
& PRINCE OF WALES GATE.

Hong Kong, 26th January, 1927.

**THE HONG KONG LAND
INVESTMENT AND AGENCY
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the THIRTY-NINTH
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Com-
pany will be held at the Offices of
Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON &
CO., LTD. on THURSDAY, 27th

January, 1927, at noon for the
purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with a
Statement of Accounts for the

year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of
the Company will be CLOSED from
FRIDAY, 14th January to

THURSDAY, 27th January, both
days inclusive, during which
period no transfer of shares can
be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND AN-
NUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held
in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell &
Company, Limited, on MONDAY,

the 31st January, 1927, at 11 a.m.
for the purpose of receiving the
report of the General Managers
together with a Statement of Ac-
counts to 31st December, 1926.

The Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the
24th to 31st January, 1927, both
dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

Hong Kong, 18th January, 1927.

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL

MEETING of the Members of
the above Society will be held on
TUESDAY, 8th February, 1927, at
6.15 p.m. in the Board Room of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Ltd.

All Ladies & Gentlemen interest-
ed in Horticulture, whether Mem-
bers of the Society or not, are
cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA:

To receive and pass the Com-
mittee's Report & Statement of
Accounts for the year ended 31st
December, 1926.

To elect Officers & a new Com-
mittee for the current year.

To fix the date of the Annual
Flower Show, which the Out-
going Committee recommend
should be held on Thursday,
10th March, 1927.

To discuss any matter of interest
to Horticulturists in Hong Kong
and outlying districts.

E. B. C. HORNEILL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st January, 1927.

NOTICE

WE, the undersigned, beg to announce
that we have opened branches in
Hanan, Shanghai, Canton, No. 11, Yee
Ma Lo, West Bund, 1st floor and at
No. 15, On Wo Lee, West Bund, under-
taking the shipping of cargoes in
launches and steamers running from
Canton to Wuchow, Kongmoon and
Hong Kong. We guarantee the safe
arrival of all cargo and hold ourselves
responsible for any damage that may
occur charging a very moderate rate.
Indian watchmen will look to the load-
ing and unloading of cargoes.

WANG LEE & CO.
Bank of Canton Building.
Hong Kong, Jan. 20th, 1927.

LADIES You will be inter-
ested in OWL TRI-
BAR, Female Sup-
positories. A power-
ful antiseptic and preservative. Guar-
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Successor to
the late SHEN TING.
14, D'Almeida Street.

TERMS VERY MODERATE
Consultation Free.

HUSBAND'S ORDEAL.**THE DEATH OF ROSALINE
COURTNEIDGE.**

Miss Rosaline Courtneidge, Mr.
Peter Haddon's 23-year-old wife,
who had been pluckily fighting for
her life since the birth of her
daughter on November 8, has died.

During the weeks of her illness
three of London's most popular
comedians—Miss Gladys Court-
neidge (a sister) and her husband
Mr. Jack Hubert and Mr. Peter
Haddon—have appeared smiling on
the stage while under the burden of
anxiety.

Every available minute away from
the footlights, Mr. Haddon spent
at the side of his wife.

It is less than a couple of years
since Mr. Haddon and his wife were
married at All Souls' Church, Lang-
hamplace, between rehearsal and a
performance of "Charles' Revue,"

in which Mr. Haddon was appear-
ing. His bride at the time was
playing the lead in "The Sport of
Kings."

Like Mr. Jack Hubert, Mr.
Haddon was at Cambridge Univer-
sity. He is the son of the Rev. A.
Tildesley, and has been playing on
the London stage since 1920.

His baby daughter is strong and
healthy.

WORLD THEATRE.**"THIEF OF BAGDAD" TO-DAY
AND TO-MORROW.**

Fairbanks's best and greatest film
shows for the last time here
to-day and to-morrow. This
lively fairy tale of dramatic splen-
dour and entertaining magic is
staged in Bagdad where a thief
flouts the teaching of the Holy Man.
Securing a magic rope he enters
the caliph's palace and, seeing the
Princess, he forgets his name and
steals. Princes from far and near
come as suitors for her hand and
the thief in stolen raiment audaci-
ously poses as a prince to win her
love. Confessing the truth, he
goes in deep humility to the Holy
Man, who sends him on a quest for
a magic chest. After overcoming
almost impossible obstacles and ex-
periencing terrifying dangers, he
gets the chest. Returning, he
learns that a Mongol Prince has
seized the city, so by aid of the
chest he creates a great army out of
nothingness and recaptures it. He
wins the Princess and with the aid
of the cloak of invisibility gets
away from the court, and then on
the magic carpet they sail away to
happiness.

AT THE STAR.**"THE STRANGERS BANQUET"
TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.**

A thrilling drama of the ship-
yards dealing with present-day con-
ditions, this picturization of Donn
Byrne's well-known book might have
been written amidst the towering
drydocks and thundering riveters of
the plant owned by the Los Angeles
Shipbuilding and Drydock Company.

The girl who earns admiration
and applause is the daughter of the
Koeghs, gentle, beautiful, superb,
who holds the vast shipyards left by
her father—who fights the crooks,
the gangsters, the adventurers who
seek to crumble her empire of
wealth.

This shipbuilding plant appears
on the screen in "The Strangers
Banquet" in a manner never before
pictured, as to a number of the
men who figured prominently in
Government work during the war.

Among the famous players who
appear amidst this atmosphere in
the screen drama are Hobart Bos-
worth, Claire Windsor, Rockliffe
Fellowes, Thomas Holding, Nigel
Barrie, Claude Gillingwater and a
dozen other noted artists of the
screen. Thousands of regular ship-
yard workers helped to emphasize
the spectacular effects created by
Mr. Neilan for this picture.

HONGKONG HOTEL VISITORS.

January 23, 1927.

Mr. C. P. Anderson, Mrs. Sylvia
de Aquino, Messrs. F. Bumann, C. A.
Calkins, Ward Clement, H. R. Cross,
R. de Cosme, Mr. and Mrs. W. W.
Campbell, Messrs. R. L. Duvand,
J. M. Dalgarno, Mr. and Mrs. P.
Drummond, Messrs. W. A. Dowley,
G. H. Evans, V. E. Frances, K.
Gabalton, Mrs. F. D. Goddard,
Messrs. A. F. Henry, S. J. Hicks,
W. Kogen, F. H. Hill, Capt. I. P.
Hall, Messrs. B. A. B. Jones, H. A.
Keller, Mr. Lythol, F. H. Lowe,
Olivier Lee, S. E. Lyser, Miss H.
Little, Mrs. J. Massenburg, Mr. and
Mrs. McTuen, Mr. and Mrs. Mac-
Leod, Messrs. D. MacLeod, L. E.
Nantz, F. J. O'Brien, H. D. Orr,
F. S. Odum, Miss M. E. Pipkins,
Messrs. G. and S. Peabody, Mr. and
Mrs. W. G. Pearce, Messrs. H. E.
Pearman, R. R. Roxburgh, H. E.
Rea, Mrs. H. T. Roberts, Messrs.
Henry Scheele, E. Stuhmacher, Mrs.
L. Sowis, Mr. R. E. Thiband, Mr.
and Mrs. de Villuro, Miss Villuro,
Messrs. E. Willet, G. Wriggle.

CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN BALM.

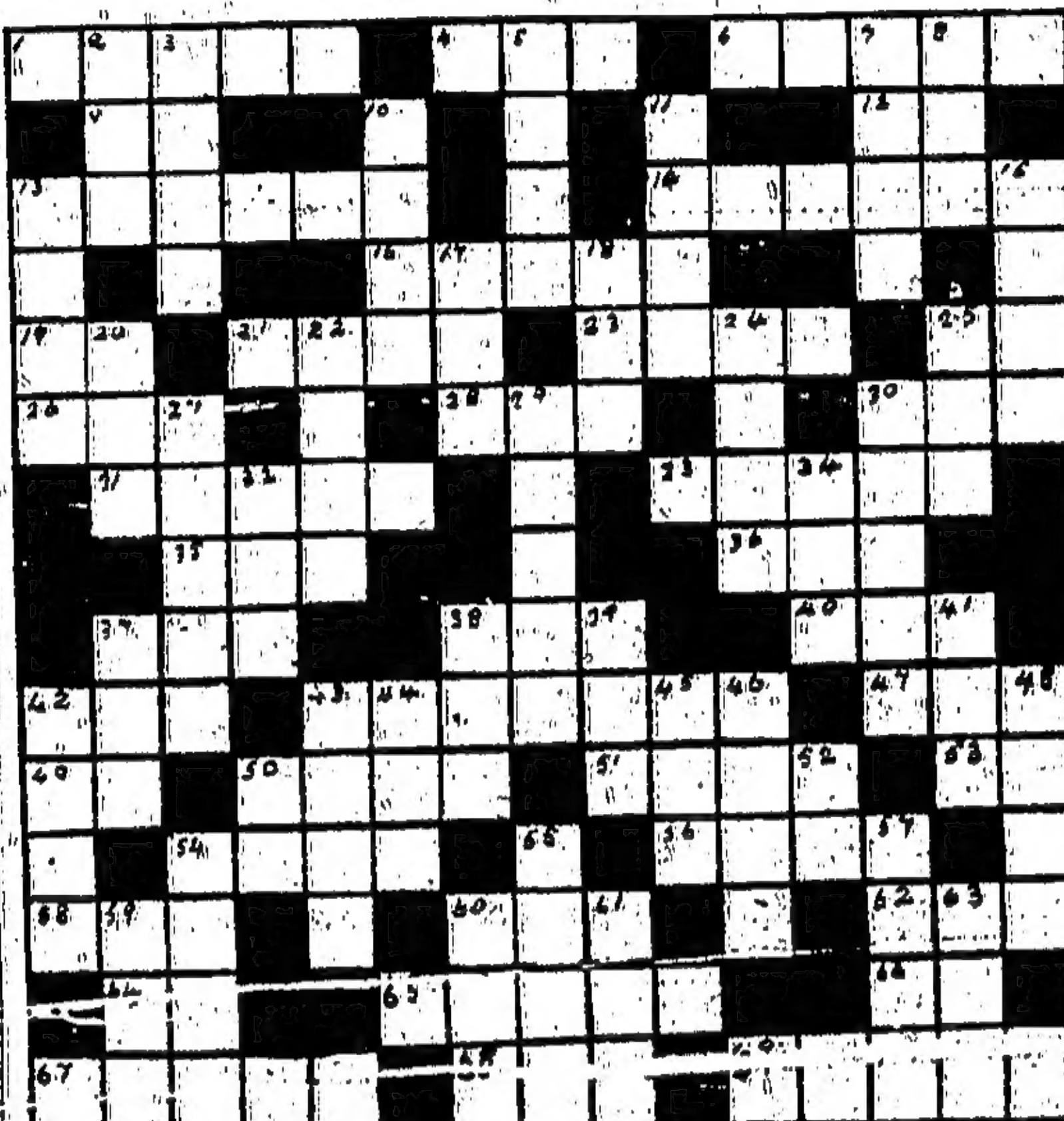
A TOUCH of rheumatism or a twinge
of neuritis, whatever the trouble is,
Chamberlain's Pain Balm relieves the
pain. Burns and scalds are promptly
relieved, cuts and bruises quickly
healed and swellings promptly reduced.
In fact no household should be without
it. For sale everywhere.

"CHINA MAIL" CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

No. 2 \$50 MUST BE WON EVERY WEEK.

FIRST READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY THROUGH.

1. The PRIZES in this competition will be AWARDED STRICTLY
"on MERIT."
2. Each solution sent in must be made on the coupon cut from the
"China Mail." Any number of solutions may be sent in.
3. An entry fee of fifty cents must accompany each coupon.
4. No entry will be considered under any circumstances whatso-
ever, unless entry money for each solution is enclosed.
5. Entries must reach the office of the "China Mail" not later than
the time and date for closing announced on the coupon.
6. No responsibility is accepted for loss or delay in the post. All
letters should be registered and/or sealed.
7. The prize of \$50 must be won and will be awarded for an all
correct or nearest correct solution. In the event of ties the \$50
will be divided. No competitor may win more than one share
of the prize in each competition.
8. The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts
must be in plain block letters and legible.
9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of
dispute.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, one
week after the closing date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the com-
petition have been published.
12. All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words,
c/o "China Mail" Office, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
13. No member of the staff of the "China Mail" will be allowed to
compete.
14. Solutions are held under sealed cover and in no way will be
opened until the close of the competition.

**Clues Across.**

1. Used for solutions.
2. Part of verb "to be."
3. Strong taste.
4. To talk with fury.
5. To be in want.
6. To sin.
7. A plant.
8. To throw.
9. A genus of plant.
10. To look carefully.
11. "I."
12. An outfit.
13. Not on.
14. The 13th & 15th day of certain
months.
15. A weight.
16. A tree.
17. Time.
18. A system ensuring punctuality
in factories.
19. Prohibitive laws.
20. To make by hand.
21. To spread.
22. A labourer's carrier.
23. "Crack" airman.
24. A number.
25. Besides.
26. To frustrate an adversary.
27. To fail to rally in ill-health.
28. A unit.
29. A beverage.
30. Delightful to beholden.
31. As (actual).
32. To mix type.
33. A famous el.
34. Noise of a bell.
35. A painter's name.
36. Tibetan ox.
37. Of the bean family.
38. Eden without the "Ed."
39. Well-known grassy plant.

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REDUCED PASSAGE RATES TO BRINDISI, VENICE
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NEXT SAILINGS.

OUTWARDS FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI
From Hong Kong.
"VIMINALE" Sails on or about 3rd February.
"REMO" Sails on or about 3rd March.

HOMEWARDS FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE.
From Hong Kong.

"ROMOLO" Sails on or about 8th February.
"VIMINALE" Sails on or about 4th March.
"REMO" Sails on or about 5th April.

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Regular Passenger and Cargo Service to South African Ports.
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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—Via Singapore,
Colombo, Suez and Port Said.
ATLAS MARU Monday, 31st January.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,
Colombo, Durban & Capetown.
MONTEVIDEO MARU Tuesday, 1st March.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
MANSHU MARU Monday, 24th January.
BORNEO MARU Friday, 4th February.
INDO MARU Tuesday, 15th February.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND
MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
PANAMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd February.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU Tuesday, 25th January.
TACOMA MARU Friday, 25th February.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
SEKKOW MARU Thursday, 3rd February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan
Ports.
LONDON MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 27th January.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
MENADO MARU Thursday, 24th February.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
HAYRE MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 10th February.
JAPAN PORTS
SANUKI MARU Wednesday, 26th January.
ALASKA MARU Saturday, 12th February.
KEELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 30th Jan., 10 a.m.
TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU Thursday, 27th Jan., 8 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.
BATAVIA MARU Saturday, 29th January.
DAIREN VIA CHEFOO & TSINGTAO.
RYUKO MARU Middle of January.
For further particulars please apply to—OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.
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Due to sail from HONG KONG at 8 A.M.
ON THE 15TH MARCH, 1927.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

PACIFIC BOATS.

Regularising "Pres."
Schedule.

BENEFIT TO HONG KONG.

Of great importance to Hong
Kong, a change has been made in
the arrangements for the Ameri-
can trans-Pacific liners calling at
this port.

The seventeen "President"
boats come here from Seattle or
San Francisco and also from
Manila on their return trip. There
were also the round-the-world
boats, which passed on to Manila
from Hong Kong and then con-
tinued westwards.

As is well known the control is
now practically in the same
hands, that of the Dollar Steam-
ship Line and the American Mail
Line, which are associated con-
cerns, the local offices being at
No. 4, Des Voeux Road.

As from March 1, the "horse-
shoe" schedule comes into force
at Hong Kong. This innovation
will, of course, start earlier on
the other side to begin the
scheme.

In the past there has been some
conflict in arrivals and depart-
ures with the result that two
"President" boats have sailed for
America on the same day. This
was unavoidable as the time to
Seattle is shorter than that to
San Francisco, so that duplica-
tion on the different routes crept
in.

What the Experts Devised.

Experts were engaged in
America to devise a scheme
whereby there would be the mini-
mum of clashing and the "horse-
shoe" time-table is the result.

It was found that the only way
to obviate "close sailings" with
resultant gaps was, for exam-
ple:—

"President A" leaves San
Francisco and comes to Hong
Kong and Manila. On the re-
turn trip she goes to Seattle
instead and then comes out
again to the Far East.

"President B" leaves Seattle
for the Orient. Going back,
she sails for San Francisco in-
stead.

In other words, the home-
ward bound boats go to San
Francisco and Seattle, respec-
tively, on alternate trips.

Points of Interest.

Other points have to be men-
tioned to make matters clear to
the travelling public and to ship-
pers.

Boats to and from San Fran-
cisco call at Honolulu but not
those to and from Seattle. The
other ports of call (Japan and
Shanghai) will be touched as
usual. The China-bound boats
from Seattle also visit Victoria
in British Columbia. On the
other hand, the boats returning
to San Francisco also go on to
the port of Los Angeles.

In this way, the round-trip of
each boat occupies the same
time—hence the regular schedule.
This means that there will be one
"President" boat sailing to Ameri-
ca (Pacific port of course) every
week, either on a Tuesday or a
Wednesday, the destinations,
each alternate week, being Seattle
and San Francisco, respectively.

Then, again, the round-the-
world boats augment the service.
Leaving New York, they go
through the Panama Canal. On
arrival at San Francisco, they
enter also into the schedule, mak-
ing more frequent sailings, and
they go out of the schedule on
leaving Manila for Europe (west-
wards).

The Schedule to Ask For.

Departures and arrivals be-
tween Hong Kong and Manila
will not be so regular as the dis-

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tance is not so amenable to
regulation.

The "China Mail" is indebted to
the local office for copies of the
schedules, extending into 1928.

For the benefit of those inter-
ested, it should be emphasised
that:—

No. 2 contains the American
Mail Line and Dollar Line
(combined "horseshoe" service,
between the Far East and the
Pacific coast of North America,
augmented by the round-the-
world boats in respect of their
dates between San Francisco
and Manila (i.e., including
Hong Kong).

Schedule No. 8 gives, on one
side, the "horseshoe" sailings
and also the round-the-world
dates between San Francisco
and Manila, and on the reverse,
the whole of the round-the-
world service.

Which Is Which.

On inquiry from the Hong
Kong office yesterday, the
"China Mail" learned that of
the ten boats hitherto on the
Pacific Coast-Far East run, one
(the "Wilson") has been trans-
ferred to the round-the-world ser-
vice. The boats are now engaged
as follow:—

"Horseshoe schedule," i.e.,
on the Pacific only:—Jefferson,
Lincoln, Grant, Cleveland,
Madison, Pierce, Jackson, Taft,
McKinley—nine in all.

Round-the-world, which also
includes San Francisco to Hong
Kong:—Van Buren, Polk,
Adams, Garfield, Harrison,
Monroe, Hayes, Wilson—eight
in all.

As the change will be welcom-
ed by the public, it has been ex-
plained at some length. The net
result will be more regular dates
both in arrivals and departures,
tending to still better service for
patrons.

The staff for all services will
continue to be in the same
offices and passengers and ship-
pers can still be attended to at
one and the same time—a factor
which will be appreciated.

PROPOSED UNION.

GREEK COASTWISE SHIPPING
RESERVATION.

It is reported from Athens that
the Council of the Mercantile
Marine, meeting recently under
the presidency of the Minister of
the Interior, discussed the ques-
tion of the foundation of a
union for coastwise shipping
(cabotage), the vessels belonging
to which, in virtue of a conven-
tion with the State, would be
accorded the exclusive privilege
of maritime trading along the
Greek coasts. After having heard
the views of several shipowners
who are specially interested in
the matter, the council announced
that it was in agreement on the
following points:—

1. That the foundation of the
union is an imperative necessity,
because the crisis through which
the Greek mercantile marine was
passing at the present time was
liable to become worse, and might
even grow desperate within a few
months, and cause the ruin of the
coastal shipping enterprises.

2. That there was no juridical
reason why the State, in return
for certain compensations, grant
to the new society the exclusive
privilege of cabotage in Greece.
The Council further decided to
examine at its next sitting the de-
tails of a Bill for submission to
the future Chamber. The gen-
eral idea of the project is that
the State has the power to enter
into a convention granting a
monopoly of cabotage in Greece
to a navigation company repre-
senting at least three-quarters of
the Greek shipowners interested
in the coastal trade. The State
would have the right to regulate
and supervise the itineraries, and
the company would have to
undertake gradually to replace its
old ships by new ones. The com-
pany would receive a subsidy.

An Oslo message says that the
small ice-breaker, which had been
sent to Spitzbergen to keep the har-
bours there open for the shipping of
coal to Norway during the winter,
has been forced to come back owing
to bad weather. She has lost a
mast and sustained considerable
other damage. The expedition will
probably be abandoned.

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PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURE.

Passengers sailed for San Fran-
cisco via Shanghai from Hong
Kong, on the N.Y.K. "Tenyo Maru"
on Jan. 24, were:—Mr. James L.
Maxwell, Mr. S. Fukagawa, Mr. N.
Inouye, Mr. Chai Hui-po, Mr. Lei
Yuen-chung, Mr. H. Miyamoto, Mr.
E. Miyamoto, Mrs. T. Miyamoto,
Miss S. Miyamoto, Mr. C. Garcia,
Mr. and Mrs. G. McQuown, Master
J. McQuown, Mr. C. O. Schneider,
Mr. J. T. Sanchez, Mr. Fok Sat-
long, Miss Wong Kun-lin.

Passengers who sailed from Hong
Kong for London via Singapore on
the P. & O. s.s. "Rashmir" on Jan.
22, were:—Mr. F. W. Allen, Mr.
F. T. Armstrong, Mr. W. E. Barnett,
Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Barrett, Mr. and
Mrs. C. P. Cave, Mrs. Y. L. Chan,
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. de Courcy, Mr.
W. Denholme, Mr. J. E. Eagles,
Mrs. A. R. England, Surgeon Lieut.
D. Glass, Mr. E. Griffiths, Mr. and
Mrs. R. J. Hall, Miss J. Hall, Mr.
and Mrs. E. W. Hees, Mr. J. Hewett,
Mr. Wm. Hewett, C.M.G., Miss M.
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King, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Knox, Mr.
H. Nish, Capt. S. Ommundsen, Capt.
C. G. Ramsay, R.N., Mr. and Mrs.
Refell, Mr. E. G. Renton, Mr. E. D.
Steen, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. W.
Mr. G. E. Strange, Mr. J. W. Stone-
ham, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Tai and
three children, Mr. C. F. Taylor,
Mrs. B. Thompson, Miss C. E. Todd,
Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson and chil-
dren, Mr. R. F. Webster, Mr. F.
Windsor, Mr. G. T. Wood, Mr. F.
Wright, Mrs. F. C. Yap.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following
numbers of vessels were in
port:—

British	26
American	1
Panama	1
Norwegian	3
German	1
Japanese	5
Chinese	15
Dutch	6
Portuguese	1
Danish	1

Total 82
9 arrivals—4 British (Seachuen,
Takada, Hydrangea, Agapenor), 3
Chinese (Tai Lee No. 1 being the
ex-Wing Sang, Tak Hing, Tai Sze
Ma), 1 Dutch (Van Hentz), 1
German (Cory).
11 departures—3 British (Sul-
sang, Yingchow, Newchwang), 3
Japanese (Yojiun Maru, Tenyo
Maru, Manshu Maru), 2 Norwegian
(Hallos, Havidro), 1 Chinese (Tak
Hing), 1 French (Raymond Pion-
care), 1 German (Muensterland).

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The E. & A. Co's s.s. "Arafura"
left Moji for this port on Jan. 21,
p.m., and is due here to-morrow
at about daylight.

The B.I. s.s. "Talma" left Singa-
pore for this port on Jan. 21, a.m.,
and is due here to-morrow, at about
7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Canada" (Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E.,
R.N.), Commander, will leave here
for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.,
via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama
at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

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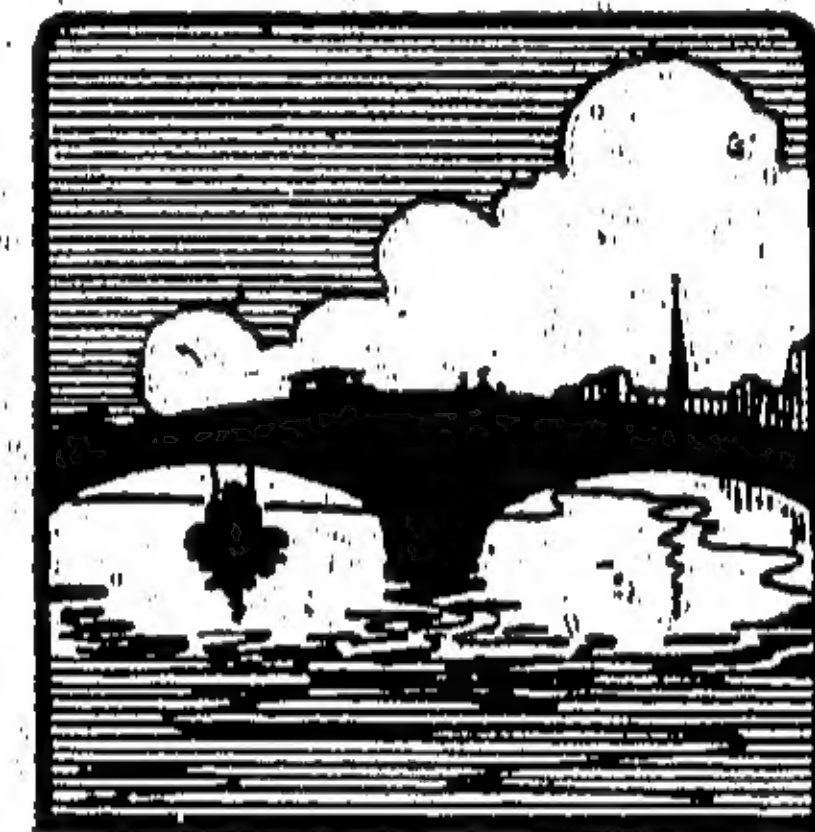
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MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
ALPHEUS	5,273	8th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KIDDERPORE	5,334	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
DELTA	5,334	16th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KALYAN	5,334	19th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
NELLORE	5,334	23rd Feb.	Marseilles and London
MANUVA	5,334	27th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KARIGAR	5,334	31st Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
NAGPORE	5,334	5th March	Marseilles and London
NYANZA	5,334	9th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MONGOLIA	5,334	13th March	Marseilles and London
MACEDONIA	5,334	17th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KHYBER	5,334	21st March	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DEVANHA	5,155	25th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
DELTA	5,334	29th April	Marseilles and London
MALWA	5,334	3rd May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KHYBER	5,334	7th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOREA	10,918	11th May	Marseilles and London
MANUVA	5,334	15th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KARIGAR	5,334	19th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
NAGPORE	5,334	23rd May	Marseilles and London
NYANZA	5,334	27th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MONGOLIA	5,334	31st May	Marseilles and London

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TAKADA	6,949	25th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
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TILAWA	10,000	11th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SALMA	10,000	14th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SIRALA	7,841	1st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday
TANDA	6,958	4th Feb.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
ST. ALBANS	4,500	11th Feb.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
TANDA	6,958	4th Feb.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
ST. ALBANS	4,500	11th Feb.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

TALMA	10,000	27th Jan.	Moji and Kobe
MANUVA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,953	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
SIRALA	7,841	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NAGPORE	5,283	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,959	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,554	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	10,000	18th Feb.	Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYBER	9,114	5th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	5,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,380	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,907	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
NELLORE	6,953	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MOREA	10,918	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe

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CONRAD'S ENGLISH.

PAINFUL WRESTLING WITH
GRAMMAR.

PRONUNCIATION DEFECTIVE.

"I've never opened an English
grammar in my life. My pro-
nunciation is rather defective to
this day. Having unluckily no
clear my accentuation is uncertain,
especially when in the course of a
conversation I become self-con-
scious. In writing, I wrestle vain-
ly with that language which I
feel I do not possess, but which
possesses me, alas!"

It is indeed difficult to believe
that the above sentence was writ-
ten by one of the greatest masters
of the English language and
literature who has ever lived—
Joseph Conrad. It appears in a
letter written by the novelist to a
friend, Joseph de Smet, as recently
as 1911, nearly 12 years after
"Lord Jim" one of his finest works
had astonished the literary world.

The letter is the first of a series
from Conrad's private correspon-
dence to John Galsworthy, H. G.
Wells, and Arnold Bennett appear-
ing in "The World To-day" for
December.

In this letter, which fitsly begins
the series, Conrad discloses that he
was nineteen before he learned any
English, that his first English read-
ing was the "Standard" newspaper,
and that he first heard the language
spoken by fishermen, shipwrights,
and sailors of the East Coast of
England.

"Lord Jim."

How great a struggle Conrad
went through in the writing of
"Lord Jim" is told in several letters
to John Galsworthy to whose en-
couragement and kindness there are
many affectionate references.

Thus he writes to Galsworthy from
Pen. Farm in September, 1899:

"You have no idea how your in-
terest in me keeps me up. I am
unhappily weary of thinking, of
writing, of seeing, of feeling, of
living."

"Jim will be finished end this
month. I plod on without much
faith."

The great novel was not actually
finished until July the following
year.

Allusions to the difficulty and
labour he experienced in writing
crop up again and again. In a fur-
ther letter to Galsworthy, dated
Pen. Farm, Nov. 7, 1900, he says:

"I've been in such a state of
wretchedness and worry that
could not find three words that
would hang together."

Here is his account of the finish-
ing of "Lord Jim" in a letter to
Galsworthy, written in July, 1900.

21 Hours Work.

"The end of L. J. has been pulled
off with steady drag of 21 hours.
I sent wife and child out of the
house (to London) and sat down at
nine a.m. with the desperate re-
solution to be done with it. Now and
then I took a walk around the
house, out at one door, in at the
other. Ten minute meals. A great
hush. Cigarette ends growing into
a mound similar to a cairn over a
dead hero. Moon rose over the
barn, looked in at six. Dawn
broke, brightened. I put the lamp
out and went on, with the morning
breeze blowing the sheets of M.S.
all over the room. Sun rose. I
wrote the last word and went into
of dining-room. Six o'clock. I shared
a piece of cold chicken with Es-
carpelle (the dog), who was very
mischievous and in want of sympathy,
having missed the child dreadfully
all day."

Like Carlyle, Conrad had the
agony of having one of his practi-
cally finished manuscripts destr-
oyed by fire, an incident mentioned
in letters to Bennett and Gals-
worthy, dated June and November,
1902, respectively.

"Dearest Jack," he writes.

"Imagine that, with the 'End
of Tether' lying on the table ready
(or all but), the lamp exploded, and
the whole thing is consumed!"

In a letter to H. G. Wells, Conrad
states that for him "writing—is just
simply the conversion of nervous
force into phrases." He goes on:

"With you, too, I am sure, tho' in
your case it is the disciplined in-
telligence which gives the signal—
the impulse. For me it is a matter
of chance, stupid chance. But the
fact remains that when the nervous
force is exhausted, the phrases
don't come—and no tension of will
can help."

SEEKING FIGHT.

HOME BOYS' RED HAND
GANG.

DEATH FROM KNIFE WOUNDS.

A boy's Red Hand Gang was men-
tioned at the inquest, at Rother-
hithe, S.E., on Albert John Hannah,
the 13-year-old son of a dock
labourer, of 74, Fawcett-road,
Deptford, S.E., who died from knife
wounds alleged to have been in-
flicted by another boy.

A boy named Arthur Edward
Shillibeer, 15, of Hawkston-road,
Rotherhithe, who has been charged
in connection with Hannah's death,
was present in custody.

Mrs. Hannah, the mother, was
asked by the coroner (Major White-
house): Had your boy said any-
thing about the Red Hand Gang,
and did he wear a red band on the
arm?—No, never.

George Radcliff, of Cornbury-road,
Deptford, said the Red Hand Gang
consisted of seven boys and the
chief name was Sullivan. Their
principal meeting-place was at
Surrey Docks Station, but they also
met in a sweet shop.

On the Thursday he (Radcliff),
Hannah, and others went
for a walk round, and
Hannah said he saw a boy in a
dark coat and hat, who was
being resisted by Shillibeer and
Hannah fought and killed in the
road, and Shillibeer charged at
him with a knife. "I gave
you gang," as he rushed Hannah
the middle of the road. "The
king rushed towards the combatants
and Hannah staggered on shouting,
"Shillibeer, you have stabbed me."
The coroner: Did you see Shillibeer
with the knife in his hand?—
No, I didn't see the knife, and did
not see him strike with a knife or
weapon of any kind.

"Objects Are Silly."

Daniel Sullivan, 14½, of St.
Helena-road, Rotherhithe, a chem-
ist's messenger, stated that he was
the chief of the gang, but he did not
wear a red band. "Some of the mem-
bers wore the bands, but he did not
know of that until recently. He
was not present at the fight.

The coroner: Is this a gang for
improving the mind or is it for
breaking the law?—We used to play
at "relaying the box," and that is
what it was started for. We used
to chase each other and go for
walks.

Was it usual to meet at Hard-
wick's?—Not to my idea, but I used
to go there every night to use a kind
of gambling machine with pictures
of cherries and pears on it.

Is Hardwick very friendly with
you?—Yes, I used to spend a penny
or two-pence nearly every night.
We did not use his back room.

Would you like to tell the jury the
objects of this gang?—No.

The objects are silly?—Yes.

William Morris, 13, of Dartmouth-
road, stated that Shillibeer, when
challenged to fight, was wearing
gloves and playing with a "silver-
encased" knife, but he could not
say if it was open.

The inquiry was adjourned.

GOLD BY AIR.

PROPOSED AIR SERVICE TO
NEW GUINEA.

Proposals for an air service
from Salomoa, on the coast of
New Guinea to the goldfields
were placed before the Acting
Minister for Defence (Mr. Marr)
Sydney, New South Wales.

Mr. Raymond Parer partner
with M'Intosh in the famous
flight from England to Australia,
is one of the promoters.

It takes seven days to transport
goods from the coast to the gold-
fields by native carriers, and the
air service would cover the dis-
tance of 20 minutes or half an
hour.

The promoters could not find
an aeroplane for sale, and sug-
gested to Mr. Marr that one of
the gift planes from Britain
might be available, which they
offered to purchase, rent, or hire.

They also offered to hold the
service at the disposal of the Ad-
ministrator for defence or urgent
business.

Mr. Marr promised to help the
promoters, if possible.

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MICHAEL O'LEARY'S HOME
COMING.

Michael O'Leary, the famous V.C.,
prefers England to any of the other
countries he has visited, he said,
when he disembarked at Plymouth
from the Ascania in London.

"I am going to live in Colchester,"
he said, "I want to settle down
to a peaceful life. After all, you
know, I feel I have an interest in
the old Union Jack and I've refused
some big jobs in the States."

The Ascania's concert organisers
included in one programme: "My
War Reminiscences. By Michael
O'Leary, V.C." But O'Leary is far
too modest and shy to accept an
invitation of that sort.

When pressed he reluctantly con-
sented to speak on his work among
the bootleggers, while a licence
inspector on the boundary between
Canada and America at Niagara,
but in the time arrived the
V.C.'s courage evaporated, and so
the address was never given.

TOO BONY.

A FRENCH DOCTOR ON
NAPOLEON.

"A REJECT TO-DAY."

Napoleon was physically of "C3"
standard, and would have been re-
jected if he had attempted to fight
in the Great War, according to Dr.
Theoris, of the French Morphologi-
cal Society.

"At the age of 17, when Napoleon
became an officer," says Dr.
Theoris, "I would have been com-
pelled to reject him because he was
too thin, and at the age of 30 be-
cause he was too fat. At any
other age, also, he should have been
rejected on the ground of low
heat-measurement. He had a
body without lungs, stomach, or
muscle."

NEW R.A.F. PROJECT.

FLYING BOATS IN THE
FAR EAST.

The following statement was
made at the Air Ministry with re-
ference to a report that early next
summer a fleet of heavy flying-boats
of the "Supermarine Southampton"
type will set out on a flight from
Singapore and Australia.

"There is a project under con-
sideration to send out certain
flights with flying-boats, probably
"Southampton" in the Far East. The
object is to gain further experience
in the use of this type of aircraft.
The flights will be purely of a ser-
vice character, and nothing of an
abnormal nature will be attempted.
It is not proposed in any case to
commence the cruises before the
early part of 1928. The project is
being considered at present in its
broad outlines only, and no de-
tailed programme is available, or de-
tails of the cruises have yet been
settled."

Professor Radcliffe-Brown, of the
anthropological department of the
University of Sydney, says that the
reported discovery of a hitherto un-
known race of pygmies is possibly
quite correct. In the reports of
Sir Hubert Murray, Governor of
Papua, frequent references have
been made to the peculiarities of
the pygmy races in parts of New
Guinea.

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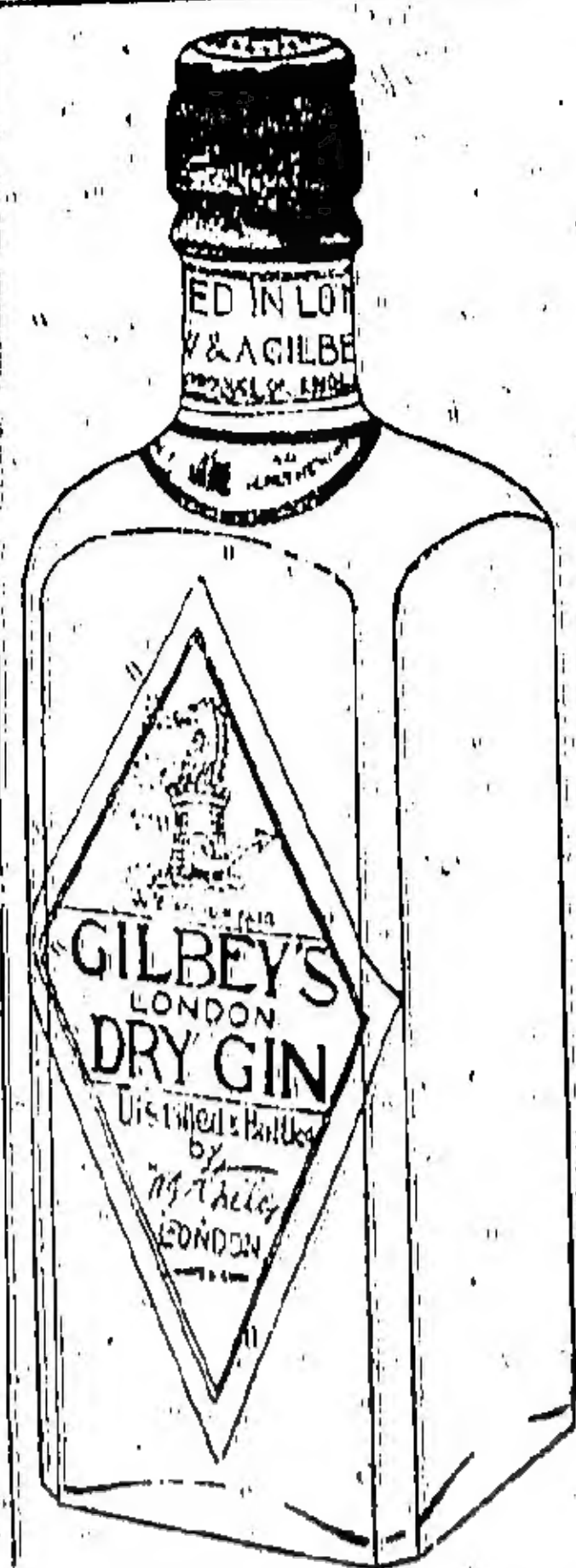
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POWERS UNITED.

Whatever may have been the obstacles to unity among the Powers in the past in relation to Chinese affairs, it is welcome news to learn that four of them have agreed on common measures for the defence of Shanghai. Great Britain, America, France, and Japan have arranged to maintain a garrison of 4,000 men, to which force each country will contribute a certain quota. The moral effect of such a concerted measure should be very great indeed. There can be no question, as in the past, of any of the Chinese factions endeavouring to play off one of the Powers against the others. That, of course, is as it should be. It would have been nothing short of a calamity to leave one Power to take isolated action in an international crisis in which the interests of all the Treaty Powers are identical. The task of defending these interests in Shanghai is to be shared if the need arises. The Chinese cannot now discriminate between any of the Powers. Moreover, they must now realise that, if they honestly desire the peace to be kept and if they genuinely aim at negotiation as the sole basis of their relations with the Powers, mob law has to be absolutely eliminated. Any repetition of the Hankow incident at Shanghai, even on a minor scale, will spell disaster not to the Powers concerned but to the Chinese themselves. Threats will not be met by threats, but by armed forces assembled in Shanghai in sufficient numbers to curb the excesses of the howling mobs and hairbrained agitators. The Chinese have to be taught that they can gain no more material advantages at the expense of the Powers through the agency—inspired or uninspired—of mob law. Whatever differences exist or may arise hereafter in regard to the future of the foreign Concessions in Shanghai can only be composed round the conference table. On that the Powers are united. The warning—but not a threat, be it noted—is there for the Nationalists to accept or disregard.

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Foreign Intervention.

The old parrot cry of the Cantonese has had another airing by Colonel L'Estrange Malone. Lecturing at the Parliamentary Labour Club in London on December 16, he stated that the Canton Government is "out for freedom from foreign intervention and influence and for industrial freedom." That has never been opposed by the Powers. All along the line have they made it clear beyond all possible argument that they do not desire and do not intend to intervene in China's domestic affairs. A thousand times within the past couple of years alone has it been reiterated that China must put her own house in order—that she must work out her own salvation. There has only been one form of foreign influence and foreign intervention in the affairs of China. That, as all the world knows, emanates from Moscow. Let the Chinese free themselves of this mesalliance, and they will immediately rid themselves of the worst possible type of foreign influence. Let them give Borodin & Co. their walking tickets, and they will be the first to realise how great an incubus they have thrown overboard. Until then, they cannot talk with sincerity of being "out for freedom from foreign intervention and foreign influence." Moreover, they will undoubtedly find, too late, that however irksome those "unequal Treaties" may be, it will be a mere nothing to what is in store for them once Moscow becomes the master of the Chinese. That is no idle theory. It is a stern fact that has to be faced by the Chinese.

The Stature of Scotsmen.

The occasion of the annual Burns anniversary dinner invariably suggests the writing of a few lines dealing either with Scotsmen, their country or their immortal poet. A speech made by Sir Andrew Caird at a dinner of the Scottish Clans Association, held in London—elicited the statement that the average Scot was nearly a stone heavier than the average Englishman. From his subsequent remarks in praise of the Highlanders he seemed to infer that they particularly excel in stature and avoirdupois. If they really do so to-day, it must be because those of them, who are left in the Highlands fare better than their numerous but ill-nourished ancestors. Johnson roundly declared that a London drayman was more than a match for the average Highlander. In Carlyle's youthful days Scottish physique was supposed to be at its highest in the south-west of Scotland, and the average height of adult men and women in Annandale was said to be equal to that of the Grenadier Guards. Industrialism has lowered the standard in the more crowded shires, whilst in Scotland as a whole, agricultural decay has reduced the numbers of those who attain the old rustic standard. In regretting the disappearance of the Highlanders from their native country, Sir Andrew observed that they were the people who put "ginger" into the Scottish nation. The word aptly describes the contribution of the Highlands to Scottish military history and to the Terpsichorean art. But what is usually understood as the Celtic spirit suggests a rather more delicate seasoning. Ginger is conspicuously absent from the conduct of local and regional affairs in the Highlands. A somewhat stronger dash of it might assist in removing some of the handicaps that prevent the Highlands from ranking with Switzerland and the Pyrenees among the playgrounds of Europe.

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Soviet Intolerance.

"Whoever knew truth put to the worse in a free and open encounter?" With this question John Milton championed the liberty of the Press in England, and ever since his day his words have stood to rebuke and frustrate every effort to bring about illiberal censorship or restrictions on freedom of discussion. Russia to-day needs a Milton. The Soviet Government has silenced discussion and banned freedom of opinion in a fashion more drastic than that which raised the great Puritan's ire. It is reported that the Bolshevik censorship is to be carried in to libraries, and that the removal of counter-revolutionary and inartistic literature, "from all small libraries of the Soviet Republic," will take place forthwith. The books classed as "counter-revolutionary and inartistic" are indicated more particularly as works of idealistic bent and all books on religion which are not anti-religious. Propagandist literature favouring political systems other than the system now in power in Russia come under the ban, together with works of history and literature dating from Tsarist times, and containing matter favourable in any respect to the old regime.

Malaya's Floods.

Singapore, Jan. 24.

The Government is continuing to assist refugees, who have lost their all in the disastrous recent floods in Malaya.

Public relief funds are mounting daily.

It is not yet possible to ascertain the total death-roll or damage, but it is officially estimated that there have been over 30 fatalities in the state of Kelantan, where 300,000 head of cattle perished, and the damage to rice crops is \$400,000.

Traders' losses in one town totalled \$800,000.

The death-roll in Perak is estimated at 24.—Reuter.

STRIKERS RESUME.

Shanghai, Jan. 24.

Though the bus employees struck a few days ago through fear of molestation by the tramway men, it is reported that they are now arranging to present demands to the management.

The tramway men returned to work this morning, and the service is gradually getting back to normal.—Reuter.

Italian-Hungarian Negotiations.

The reported approaching Italian-Hungarian negotiations for the re-establishment of a Hungarian transit port at Fiume are arousing comment at Belgrade, as Jugo-Slavia hoped that Hungary would choose Spalato.

It is thought that Hungary will necessarily negotiate a friendship treaty with Italy, if Fiume is chosen, thus further isolating Jugo-Slavia and aggravating the Italo-Jugo-Slav tension.

TAKING NO RISKS.

SHANGHAI'S DEFENSIVE MEASURES.

OUR LETTER FROM NORTH.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Jan. 17.

Whilst refugees continue to arrive in the Settlement from up-river ports, and the air veritably seethes with rumours of trouble in the immediate neighbourhood of Shanghai, preparations continue on a lavish scale for the celebration of the Chinese New Year holidays.

General satisfaction is expressed in most of the clubs in regard to the Council's attitude and it is believed that if there is any trouble in Shanghai, it will be within, rather than without the Settlement.

The opinion is generally felt that, having in view the huge sum the Customs surtax will yield Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, the latter will put up a strong defence against the Cantonese, should they endeavour to continue their North-ward march, in the direction of Shanghai.

It is, of course, good news that the British Government is sending out further detachments of troops to China, but most people think that if there is any trouble, the major portion of the work will fall upon the local Police and Volunteers. The one and only topic at the present time is the possibility of a repetition of the Hankow affair, and, whilst the Council is doing everything in its power to afford the fullest protection to all, both foreigners and Chinese alike, some amusement is to be found in the protest lodged by shop-keepers in Boundary and Elgin Roads against the barricades which have been erected on the borders of the Settlement.

More Barricades.

Following the move of the Council of the International Settlement, the French municipal authorities have taken similar steps in preparation for any disturbance that may occur in the future. Along the boundaries of the French Concession to-day are to be seen war-like displays of barbed-wire fences and at several points along Rue des Deux Republiques, grided gates of iron bars with concrete foundations and sills have been erected. Chinese passing through the open gates are not molested and all traffic continues to be conducted as usual.

Chinese and The Council.

The question of Chinese representation on the Municipal Council has again been mooted in official quarters. It will be recalled that some time last year, Mr. Stirling Fessenden, the Chairman of the Council, at a banquet at the Majestic Hotel, announced that the Council were in favour of the appointment of three Chinese members in addition to the nine councillors who at present function as the municipal authority. Nothing, however, has been done in the matter, the Chinese having demanded a complete franchise with Chinese representation in proportion to the number of Chinese rate-payers which, of course, would mean a Chinese majority on the Council. It is rumoured that something may be done at the forthcoming Municipal election, but, in view of the general political situation and the uncertainty of affairs, it is difficult to forecast at all accurately in this direction.

Progress.

There are a few residents in Shanghai at the present time who pride themselves in narrating events of the old days when they used to go shooting where the Race Course now stands, or of paper-hunting in what is now one of the busiest parts of the Hong-kew district. Now comes the news that the Town Hall, for years an historic landmark in the International Settlement, has been sold and is to make way for another modern departmental store.

Built in the latter part of the 19th century, the old building yet breathes an atmosphere of bygone years, of gay, stately balls, where gathered the elite of the city. Then, too, within its aged walls there once gathered three solemn, dignified Chief Justices, representing England, America and Japan to hold official inquiry into the shooting of Chinese students on May 30, 1925.

The strains of music, of Verdi, Beethoven and Mozart, and other masters has oft been heard in the old building, for it was there in recent years that the Municipal Symphony Concerts were given.

Modern Shops.

It is understood that the Dah Wah Company will erect a huge modern departmental store on the site. The building will also house a bank insurance, restaurant, hotel and roof garden amusements, with an up-to-date ball room patterned after those of three other department stores on Nanking Road.

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A LONG WALK.

JAPANESE STUDENTS' WORLD TOURS.

VISIT TO HONG KONG.

The latest round-the-world walker to visit Hong Kong is Mr. S. Akimitsu, a graduate of the Ritsumeikan College of Law in Kyoto, Japan, who has arranged for himself three distinct tours which will cover the northern sections of both hemispheres.

He is 26 years of age. Starting on August 8 last year, he has so far visited places in Japan and Korea, Manchuria, Dairen, Port Arthur, Tientsin, Peking and Shanghai, and he arrived here yesterday on the "Kotau-Maru" from Swatow.

Next Sunday he will walk round the island of Hong Kong, starting from Government House at 9 a.m.

Mr. Akimitsu travels "light" with the minimum of baggage. He carries with him a book of autographs, a hot water bottle, haversack, a flask and a white band inscribed with the words "walking round the world" on one side and Japanese characters with the same meaning on the reverse.

Three Different Routes.

Mr. Akimitsu, who started out with 2,000 yen, helps to support himself by contributing articles to the Japanese newspapers on the progress of his tour. He hopes to be able later to write a book on his experiences.

By way of Indo-China and Siam, Mr. Akimitsu hopes to arrive in England, going through Europe. He will then return to Yokohama and set out on a second tour covering the whole of North America. His third tour will be from Tokyo, across Siberia to Moscow. He thinks that the whole tour will be completed in four years.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

MORE QUESTIONS BY MR. J. P. BRAGA.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Department, Mr. J. P. Braga will ask a series of questions on two subjects, as follows:—

Kowloon Tong.

I.—By whose sanction and under what by-law has permission, if any, been granted to certain Chinese squatters, to construct, on recently filled-in Crown land in the district of Kowloon Tong, within a hundred yards of dwelling-houses, a cesspool of cement concrete (approximate dimensions 15' by 10'), in which human faeces are collected and allowed to decompose to serve as manure in vegetable gardens in that vicinity?

II.—Is it in the best interest of the public health that a new squatters' settlement, with its attendant objectionable feature mentioned in (I) be permitted to be established in a new and growing residential district?

III.—Is it not possible to obtain another site to which this squatters' settlement might be transferred and so remove the source of an ever-present danger, to the health of present and prospective residents in the neighbourhood, arising out of the use of noxious and offensive manurial matter by the vegetable gardeners?

IV.—If a new site can be found, will the Government take into favourable consideration the removal as soon as practicable of the settlement complained of?

Stagnant Pools.

V.—Will the President be good enough to cause samples of water to be taken by officers of the Sanitary Department from the stagnant pools in Crown Land on the eastern and western boundaries of Kowloon Tong and more particularly of a small stream draining into the nullah at the point where it is being covered in below the railway bridge, and have such samples examined for the presence of any matter that might constitute a danger to public health in the district of Kowloon Tong?

VI.—If deemed advisable as a preventive measure against providing breeding ground for the larvae of anopheles mosquito, will the President direct officers of the Department to have the stagnant pools treated with kerosene oil or other substance calculated to minimise the danger of an outbreak of malaria due to the existence of the stagnant pools referred to in (V)?

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FURTHER TROUBLE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

there have ended. Four men charged with looting in the A.P.C. Building there have been executed. Instructions from Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance, have been sent to the authorities at Changsha, that no interference should be allowed with the operations of the Standard Oil Company. It became known here to-day that Mr. T. V. Soong, Finance Minister of the Nationalist Government, personally prevented the possibility of armed clash between the mobs of coolies bent on invading the British Concession, and the British marines on guard inside the Kiangling Concession gates.

At Kiangling Concession. While en route to Hankow after attending the conference of leaders of the Nationalist Government in Nanchang, Mr. Soong arrived in Kiangling last Thursday (Jan. 13). He passed the point where a crowd was massed at the boundary of the British Concession, and seeing the danger in the situation, mounted the barricade and addressed the mass.

He told them his name and position with the Nationalist Government and exhorted them to be calm and disperse without further action. The crowd, desisted from their activities for the moment, and later in the afternoon armed groups entered and took over the protection of the area. Nationalist News Agency.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Troops leaving Malta.

Malta, Jan. 24. The 1st Battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment, and the 2nd Battalion of the Border Regiment, are leaving for China on Monday, aboard the "Meganitic".

The combined strength is about 1,400. A number of officers of other branches of the service, including medical officers and nurses, are accompanying the drafts. Reuter.

Marines coming.

London, Jan. 24. There was unwelcome activity at Portsmouth barracks on Sunday when 1,000 marines were busy packing up their kits and bidding farewell to friends and relatives preparatory to sailing for China to-day aboard the "Minnesota", which will call at Hong Kong en route to Shanghai.

India Sends Troops.

Delhi, Jan. 24. In the course of his inaugural address to the Assembly, the Viceroy announced that India being the nearest part of the Empire wherein forces were available for immediate despatch to China, the Government of India had agreed to contribute a contingent including Indian troops, thus co-operating with the Imperial Government, who had reluctantly been forced to order a reinforcement as a purely defensive measure. Reuter.

Four Battalions from India.

London, Jan. 24. The War Office has officially announced that the Government of India is arranging to despatch to Shanghai two British and two Indian battalions, with ancillary troops. Reuter.

Japanese Warships.

Tokyo, Jan. 24. The Navy Office announces that four destroyers, the "Momo", "Yanagi", "Hinoki" and "Kashi", were despatched to Shanghai from Sasebo to-day to join Japan's China squadron. Reuter.

YEAR'S PROFIT.

BANK OF EAST ASIA LTD. REPORT.

The Directors of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd. announce that, subject to audit, the profit for the year ending December 31, 1926, after writing off all charges and making provision for depreciation, bad and doubtful debts, and including the balance of \$163,365.28 brought forward from 1925 amounts to \$622,680.05 which the Directors propose to deal with at the forthcoming annual meeting as follows:—

To Pay a Final Dividend for the year 1926 of 6% \$300,000.00
To Pay a bonus to Directors, Holders of Founder shares, and the staff 23,897.21
To Carry forward to next year's account 298,782.84

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A CORRECTION.

Owing to a misunderstanding, the name of the University compound which three leopards "invaded", being shot by the long bow of a teacher whose hobby is archery, was given as Amy. The "China Mail" informants who participated in the hunt came from the Fokien Christian University in Foochow and it was there that the incidents in question took place. The other facts are as stated yesterday.

HELP FOR YOUNG.

Bequests By Ex-China Resident.

MR. ANDREW BURMAN'S WILL.

Rescuing of probate of the will of Andrew Burman, formerly of Shanghai, China, but late of Torbay, Mount, Chelston Torquay, Devonshire, who died at Torbay Mount on October 28, 1926, has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, solicitor of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, the lawful attorney of deceased's executors. Deceased's net estate in the United Kingdom amount to \$13,743.36, while his Hong Kong estate is \$17,739.00.

Besides many bequests to his relatives and friends he also bequeathed the following:—

To the National Art Collections Fund his few books and pamphlets on Oriental Art together with the sum of £500. To Dr. Barnard's Homes National Incorporated Association the sum of £500 which he desired to be applied for the fund for training boys for the British Navy and British Mercantile Marine.

Hospital Grants.

To the East London Hospital for Children and Dispensary for Women, Clarendon Road, Shadwell, Middlesex the sum of £500.

To the Tropical Hospital of the Seamen's Hospital Society for general purposes of the said Hospital the sum of £500. To the Torbay Hospital at Torquay, aforesaid the sum of £500.

To his servant in his employ at the date of his death and who had been one year or upwards in his service the sum of £10 for each completed year of such service.

To the Trustees of the Victoria and Albert Museum South Kensington entire collection of all objects of Oriental Art of whatsoever description or such of them as the said Trustees shall be willing to accept.



Miss H. M. Gordon, the artist who is visiting Hong Kong, has travelled in many lands. This picture shows her on the top of the Kardong Pass, Western Tibet, at a point 17,600 feet above sea level on the route into Central Asia.

STILL IN COURT.

THE FIRST SEIZED IN THE COLONY.

ILLICIT LIQUOR CHARGE.

A Chinese still, 5 feet 6 inches high, jars of alcohol, filters, a miscellaneous collection of bottles and other impedimenta used in the distillation of Chinese wine figured as exhibits in Mr. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese employed by the Catholic fathers at Pokfulam, was charged with the unlawful possession of the articles and with possessing liquor on unlicensed premises.

Chief Preventive Officer Clarke conducted the case for Imports and Exports Department.

In reply to the Magistrate, the defendant admitted possession of the still and liquor, but denied that he trafficked in the illicit liquor.

Mr. Lindsell: The charge states that the liquor was being distilled in the Roman Catholic church. Is that so?

C. P. O. Clarke: No. In the servants' quarters attached to the church.

Mr. Lindsell: Is it an ordinary still?

C. P. O. Clarke: Yes. It is the same kind as is used in the country, but it is the first one to be seized in the Colony.

Mr. Lindsell: What is its capacity?—Thirty or forty jars a day. Once the thing gets properly hot, you can turn out three gallons in forty minutes.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$500, with the alternative of four months imprisonment.

The prisoner left the Court ejaculating "I have no money; I have no money."

Mr. Lindsell: Then you can go to jail.

"LIBEL" CASE.

JUDGMENT FOR ELECTRIC COMPANY.

A "PRIVILEGED" LETTER.

In reply for the Electric Company at the continuation yesterday afternoon of the hearing of the claim against them by the Ho Sing firm for damages for alleged breach of contract and for alleged libel, Mr. Potter quoted cases which, he claimed, were similar to the present in that there was no evidence from which a contract to supply electricity could be implied to be binding for a specific period or requiring them, before discontinuing the supply to give notice of their intention so to do.

Mr. Potter added that in dealing with various big consumers special contracts were entered into in which the liability of the parties on these matters was set out.

With regard to the alleged libel, Mr. Potter contended that the letter in which the statement referred to was contained, was a privileged communication. Even then, of course, it should not contain allegations recklessly made and obviously untrue but they had the plaintiff's manager's own statement that if certain facts were true, the only conclusion the Company could have come to was that the meter had been tampered with.

In reply to Mr. K. Lo (for the plaintiff) His Lordship (Sir H. C. Gollan) said that he regarded the communication as a privileged one. The plaintiff had asked for the reason of the discontinuance of supply and the letter giving the Electric Company's reasons had been sent in reply.

In the course of further argument as to whether the Electric Company was liable on the question of discontinuance of supply for breach of contract His Lordship said that he was against Mr. Lo. He was somewhat reluctant to come to this decision and he thought it a great pity that regulations had not been made for the safeguarding of the public in the matter of cutting off supply without notice. The powers given to the Company were so great that he thought it just as

well that the whole subject should be considered.

His Lordship entered judgment for the defendants (the Electric Company).

On the question of costs, which would also be for defendants, he did not feel inclined to certify for counsel. He was inclined to regard counsel in a Summary Court as a luxury.

RECORD OF SERVICE.

"Diamond Gleams," containing records of service rendered by Salvation Army officers in North China, makes an appropriate appearance in view of the recent visit of General Bramwell Booth who obeyed the dying wish of his father, William Booth, founder of the S.A., in directing the establishing of "Army" work in China.

A review of the achievements of the S.A. in China, written by Commissioner Pearce shortly before his death, and other records by Adjutants, Ensigns and other workers show a record of progress in conversion and extension of spheres of operations.

Statistics are given of relief work carried on in Tientsin, Peking, Tai Yuan Fu and other places. Medical work, Rescue work, evangelistic campaigns, etc., in three provinces are traced, the numbers of officers and cadets in training now numbering 258, it is gathered.

POST OFFICE RECORD.

Rugby, Jan. 24. The commercial accounts of the Post Office for the year ended March 31st, show a net surplus of \$6,667,000, which is the highest recorded except for 1913.

Postal services produced a profit of over \$7,000,000 and the profit on telephones exceeded \$500,000.

The telegraph service showed a loss of \$1,300,000, which represents an improvement of \$300,000 on the previous year.

The total expenditure for the year ended \$55,000,000, of which \$23,000,000 were absorbed in salaries, wages and allowances.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

January 25—Quech's Theatre: "The Midnight Sun." Theatre: "The Thief of Bagdad." Theatre: "The Stranger's Banquet."

January 24—Royal Italian Company presents "Traviata." January 26—Social and Dance at Diocesan Boys' School under the auspices of the D.S.O.B. Assn. 8.30 p.m.

January 26—Dance on H.M.S. "Tamar."

January 26—Chinese play by Bellios Public (Girls) School in Queen's College Hall, 8 p.m.

January 26—Theatre Royal: "Red Riding Hood." 8.15 p.m.

February 1—Fancy dress ball in Roof Garden of Hong Kong Hotel. Sports.

January 26—Entries for the Annual Race Meeting close at 5 p.m.

January 26—Entries for the Hong Kong Cricket Club tennis tournament close on this date.

February 6—Next tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn.

February 5—Inaugural meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao.

February 12—Staplechase Meeting of Fanling Hunt, Kwantai Race Course.

Auctions. January 26—At No. 4, Felix Villas, Mt. Davis Rd., Pokfulam, household furniture will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammet Bros., at 2.45 p.m.

January 27—Chinese curio will be sold at Messrs. Lammet Bros. Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

January 28—Valuable household furniture at 10, Kennedy Rd., will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammet Bros., at 2.45 p.m.

Meetings. January 27—Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.'s thirty-ninth meeting at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

January 27—Seventh meeting of Queen's College Old Boys' Assn. in Queen's College Hall, 5.30 p.m.

January 28—Twenty-ninth meeting of the "Star Ferry Co., Ltd." at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's office, 11 a.m.

January 31—Annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

ATLANTIC SWIMMER.

GREETED BY 30,000 AT GLASGOW.

London, Jan. 14.

Thirty thousand Scotsmen were hoaxed at Glasgow, when they gathered to see the arrival of an American girl student, Anne Dapenny, after her swim across the Atlantic.

Glasgow University students, since Friday, had posted bulletins announcing her progress eastward.

The swimmer had a great reception to the tune of "Uncle, Bang Gods saxeppa," which, she said, was played to her the whole way across.

"The swim," Miss Dapenny remarked, "was easy after I passed the rum fleet which crowds up just outside the three-mile limit and which makes it just cruel for a girl swimmer like me."

Miss Dapenny was really a man student, who secretly entered the river Clyde 400 yards below the Point.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST WEEK.

Last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony was confined entirely to enteric fever (typhoid). There were four cases, one from the city and three from Kowloon, with no death. Two of the patients were Chinese, one an Indian and the other a Portuguese.

January 31—Twenty-second meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. Messrs. Dodwell & Co's office, 11 a.m.

February 8—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Horticultural Society. Messrs. Jardine Matheson's 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

January 25—Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society, Burn's Anniversary Dinner, Voluntary Headquarters, 8 p.m.

January 25—Annual inspection of St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Murray Parade ground, 5.15 p.m.

January 25—Pianoforte recital by Mr. Harry Ore, City Hall, 5.30 p.m.

January 27—Presentation of prizes at Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians, Sookumpoo, 11.30 a.m.

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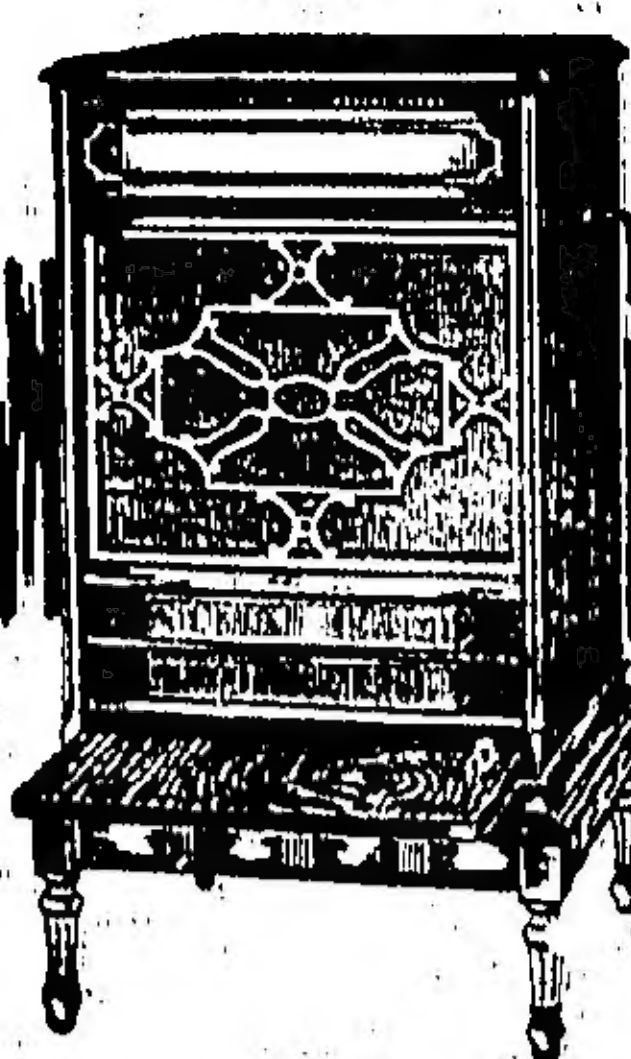
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. Harry Ore's pianoforte recital commences at 5.30 p.m. at the City Hall to-day.

A complete list of street fire alarms now installed in the Colony, indicating their respective positions, is advertised elsewhere in this issue.

An advertisement appears on page 3 of this issue, giving instructions for motor traffic going to and from the ball on H.M.S. "Tamar" to-morrow night.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Clegg Clementi, K.C.M.G., and Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John), will inspect the local Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade on Murray Parade ground to-day at 5.15 p.m.

When a Chinese was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with returning from banishment, it was stated that he had been sentenced upon six previous occasions for the same offence. Mr. Schofield passed sentence of twelve months' hard labour with twenty-four strokes of the birch.

The teacher had been giving a lesson on the reindeer—its haunts, habits, and uses. One little chap was not paying the slightest attention, so the teacher pounced on him. "Now, what is the use of the reindeer?" she asked him. The startled youngster looked up, paused, and then replied: "Please, ma'am, it makes things grow."

The Kowloon Motor Bus Company's new Leyland-Lion motor bus will be given a trial run this afternoon starting at 5.15 p.m. from the Star Ferry, Kowloon. Among those invited are the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain-Superintendent of Police) and the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (President of the Hong Kong Automobile Association).

"Making the Police collect a civil debt is a practice to be frowned on," said Mr. C. A. S. Russ at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when defending a man and his wife charged with obtaining money and a quantity of jewellery by false pretences. Mr. Russ argued that the case was one for the Summary Court, with which argument Mr. Schofield concurred, discharging the defendants.

The Queen Alexandra Imperial Nursing Service and the Queen Alexandra Military Families Nursing Service have been amalgamated by Royal Warrant.

Five cases of notifiable disease were reported to the Medical Officer of Health on Monday, as follows:—3 of small-pox from the city district, 1 of typhoid from the city and 1 of cerebro-spinal fever from the Kowloon district. All the patients are Chinese.

Don't wait here, lads. Go on and play your football. This is what Father Knowles, games master of St. Bede's College, Alexandra Park, Manchester, said to his pupils, who gathered round him when he lay on the roadside recently, severely injured after collision with a car while motor-cycling on his way to the college football ground. He was conveyed to the Royal Infirmary, where he was found to be suffering from a compound fracture of the right leg, scalp and face wounds, and severe shock.

Mrs. R. A. Jaffray, a welfare worker who has recently arrived here from the United States, proposes founding here a "Friendly League for Christian Service," the object of which is to provide recreational facilities for business girls of Hong Kong. The proposal is to take the premises formerly occupied by the Coronet Theatre and to fit it up as lunch and rest rooms. Other activities will include the making of decorative and useful articles for the home. It is also proposed to see it as a centre for exhibitions for the Blind Home and similar institutions.

A Sheffield woman has lost her pension through reading her prayer book. When a girl she had been called in to nurse her aunt (her mother's sister). The aunt died, and the girl eventually married her uncle, and three children were born of the marriage. The husband died, and the woman received her pension under the National Health Insurance Acts. Then one day she saw in her prayer book "a table of kindred and affinity," which lays down that a woman may not marry her "mother's sister's husband." Distressed by the discovery, the woman wrote to the Ministry of Health for information, and has been informed that she is not entitled to a pension.

The heroic ricsha coolie, who went to the aid of his master, the chief of the Chinese staff of the Shanghai Tramway Co., who was murdered last week, died on Saturday afternoon as a result of the two bullets which struck him.

News has been received in the Colony to the effect that it is highly probable that Leo Podolsky and his wife, Vera Mirova, are hoping to arrange another tour of the Far East. These two talented artists are not, of course, strangers to Hong Kong, having given several performances here some years ago. Mr. Podolsky is at present in Chicago with the famous Sherwood Music School. His wife recently appeared before Queen Marie of Roumania during her Majesty's visit to Chicago.

When Mr. James Dahymple, the Glasgow tramway manager, was charged at Glasgow last month with forging and uttering a telegram, a novel objection was raised by his solicitor. He pointed out that the telegram was wholly typewritten, including the signature, and in his submission was not a forgery in the sense of the Post Office (Protection) Act, 1834. He was unable to discover a single instance of a typewritten forgery. The prosecution contended that the telegram was not genuine in any respect, and as a telegram was defined as a written or printed message, the one in question came within the latter category. The Sheriff said that it was a novel point which he would take time to consider. He accordingly adjourned the case.

"I was never anxious for money, I do not care for money," said Mr. Bernard Baron, the millionaire who has recently given away several thousands of pounds for philanthropic purposes, when he presided in London at the meeting of Carreras, Ltd. "If all great concerns paid good wages it would bring happiness to a great number of workers and to their homes and it would pay these concerns to do so." Speaking of his own firm, who employ 2,500 hands, he said that he had no happier time than when he could get among them. "They receive me like a king and they do all they can for me. Money is nothing in comparison to that. I think we have reached the stage at which we are all happy and I am one of the happiest of the lot."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of London left Singapore last week for Australia.

An assistant to the Official Measurer, Hong Kong, Mr. H. Nish sailed for London on Saturday on the P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" to join his wife and family at home.

Mrs. L. H. King and family were passengers on the Home-bound "Kashmir" from Hong Kong on Saturday. She is the wife of the engineer in charge of the electrical office of the Public Works Department.

Under Miss Skinner (headmistress) and her staff, the girls of Belkiss Public School are presenting a Chinese play at 3 p.m. to-morrow, the venue being the hall of Queen's College (by courtesy).

Mr. E. G. Renton, who played cricket regularly for the Kowloon Cricket Club, sailed for home by the "Kashmir." He was an analyst attached to the staff of Messrs. W. R. Loxley and was very popular with the younger fraternity in Kowloon.

Among the many passengers who joined the "Kashmir" at Hong Kong on her homeward bound trip were Captain C. G. Ramsey, R.N., Surgeon Lt. D. Glass, R.N., Captain D. H. James, Captain S. Ommundsen, Mr. W. E. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. de Courcy, Mrs. A. R. England, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hall, Miss J. Hall, Mr. W. Hewett, C.M.G., Mr. J. W. Stoneham, Mr. C. F. Taylor and Mr. F. Wright.

Scenes of Eastern life and scenery figure in the exhibition of work by Miss H. M. Gordon which opens at Lane Crawford's at 11 p.m. on Thursday, Lady Clementi performing the ceremony. Miss Gordon is a well known artist and recently made an extensive tour in Northern and Central India in pursuit of her art. She has also travelled in the nearer East, scenes of which figure among the many beautiful paintings on exhibit.

The Roumanian Legation emphatically denies the reports of the engagement of Princess Ileana.

The following deaths are announced:—Sir John Scott Keltie, the famous geographer, aged 86; Sir Thomas Colpitts Granger, the County Court Judge, aged 75.

Accompanied by Mrs. Cave, Mr. C. E. Cave of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., Talkoktau installation, sailed for home by the P. and O. s.s. "Kashmir."

Mr. Frederick Lane, a director of the Asiatic Petroleum and other oil companies, who died on Sept. 24, aged 75, left estate in his own disposition of the gross value of £571,510.

The Earl of Ronaldshay, distinguished soldier, traveller and author, who was on Lord Curzon's staff when he was Viceroy of India, is writing the life of the famous statesman.

Mr. J. Stewart of Taikoo Dock, a former Hong Kong Interport football centre-half, sailed for home on Saturday on the P. and O. s.s. "Kashmir." He was also an active member of the Victoria Recreation Club. On the same boat was Sanitary Inspector J. Watson with his wife and family. Mr. Watson also played for the first eleven of the Hong Kong Football Club and the two of them were presented with gifts from fellow members.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Dr. Phoon Seck-wah, No. 41A, Bonham Road, and Miss Suen Lan Chan, No. 1, St. Stephen's Lane. Dr. Phoon Seck-wah graduated M.B., B.S. at Hong Kong University in 1922 with his brother Dr. Phoon Seck-foo. His elder brother, Dr. Phoon Seck-wing was given the M.D. at the congregation this month. The prospective bridegroom was House Surgeon to the University from January to June, 1922 and all three brothers won the King Edward VII. scholarship.

Among the passengers who sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the N.Y.K. "Tenyo Maru" for Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco were Mr. J. L. Maxwell, Mr. C. Garcia, Mr. C. O. Schneider.

Mr. T. King, the ardent swimmer and yachtsman, will be away from Hong Kong for some time as he has gone on a business visit to Batavia (Java), sailing on the "Kashmir" via Singapore. He is the local representative of Linotype and Machinery Ltd.

Mr. W. G. FitzGibbon is returning to the Colony from leave by the P. and O. "Mantua" which is due here on February 4. For eighteen months before going on leave Mr. FitzGibbon acted as Secretary of the P.W.D. and, upon his return, will take up that position permanently.

A Reuter cable from London announces the death of Mr. Preceval London, barrister-at-law, special correspondent, dramatist and author. From 1899 to 1900 Mr. London was special correspondent to the "Times" during the South African war. In the latter year he was made private secretary to the Governor of New South Wales. As a journalist he covered the Delhi Durbar for the "Daily Mail," and was also correspondent for them in China, Japan and Siberia in 1903. In the latter year he was correspondent for the "Times" during the Lhasa expedition and for the "Daily Telegraph" during the visit of the Prince of Wales to India, 1905-1906; in Persia, India and Nepal in 1908; Russian Turkestan in 1909; in Egypt and the Sudan in 1910, and the Delhi Durbar of 1911. During the Great War he was with the British and French lines in 1914-1915 and with the Italian lines in 1917. He attended the Peace Conference in 1919, and attended the Prince of Wales's tour in 1921-1922. He was the author of several books of travel.

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SPORTS SECTION

HOLDER LOSES.

CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING AT HOME.

VICTORY ON POINTS.

London, Jan. 24.

Johnny Cuthbert of Sheffield beat Johnny Curley of Lambeth (the holder) to-night, on points, in a 20-round contest for the featherweight boxing championship of Britain, the bout taking place at the National Sporting Club.

Curley had held the title since 1925. In the afternoon they both weighed in at 125 lbs.

Both Men Miss.

It was a poor fight in which the fewest of good blows landed.

Cuthbert relied largely on right hooks to the jaw and on body blows while Curley, who was the better stylist than his opponent, scored most of his points with straight lefts and left hooks to the jaw and body, but both contestants frequently missed.

It was an even struggle throughout with Cuthbert gaining a very narrow victory. The decision was cheered.—Reuter.

LUCKY NUMBERS.

HOW TO WIN IN CASH SWEEPS.

THE "PIECES OF EIGHT."

A correspondent writes to a Peking contemporary:—

A remarkable instance of a strange coincidence happened on Saturday last. A friend of mine happened to buy a cash sweep ticket in the 8th Race of the First Day's Races (Jan. 8) and struck the first prize, his winning ticket number being 8 and the horse that came in first was also No. 8 (Kismet) and what makes the incident the more remarkable is that the date was also the 8th and the birth date of the lucky man also being the 8th of the 8th month in 1888!

Can any one of your readers quote an instance, to beat the above?

No, we don't think so! In this collection of "pieces of eight" the writer has overlooked the fact that Kismet was also carrying 8 stone, observes the "Singapore Free Press."

YACHT CLUB.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

The seventh championship race for ladies of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club was sailed yesterday. There were 4 boats in the handicap class and 8 in the combined class (for Gales, One Designs and Hayward Hays).

The course was to Channel Rocks, East Rock buoy, Kowloon Rock, finish at the Club line—distance 6.6 miles.

In the table below the yachts are given in order of corrected time (i.e., according to handicap).—

Handicap Class.

Yacht	Corrected
La Linda (1st) ...	4:12.13
Colleen (2nd) ...	4:14.31
Falcon (3rd) ...	4:15.40
Diana ...	4:10.35

Combined Class.

Yacht	Corrected
Blue nose (1st) ...	4:27.08
Boojum (2nd) ...	4:28.43
Zephyr (3rd) ...	4:31.41
Daphne ...	4:28.20
Thecla ...	4:37.31
Why Wonder? ...	4:32.44
Alisa ...	4:30.39
Gael ...	4:56.54

£500 GOLF.

EX-EDINBURGH MAN'S VICTORY.

El Paso, Jan. 24.

Tommy Armour, of the Congressional Club, has won the \$2,500 open golf tournament.

Johnny Golden, of New Jersey, and Jon Kirkwood, of New York, tied for second place.

Armour belongs to Edinburgh, and represented Britain in the Walker Cup against America at Hoylake in 1921. He is now in America as a professional.—Reuter's American Service.

RACE ENTRIES.

Reminder: Entries for the Hong Kong Jockey Club annual meeting close to-morrow at 5 p.m. to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, the secretaries.

HOME SOCCER.

LEAGUE, DIVISION III NORTH.

TWO MORE MATCHES.

London, Jan. 24.

Matches played to-day in the English Football League (Home club given first) resulted:—

Division III (North).

Rotherham 1, Accrington 1.
Walsall 5, Tranmere 1.

—Reuter.

M.C.C. IN RANGOON.

10 WICKETS VICTORY OVER ALL BURMA.

FINISHED JUST ON TIME.

Calcutta, Jan. 18.

At Rangoon the M.C.C. defeated All Burma by ten wickets.

Burma batted first and made 144, of which McCarthy made 48 and Murad 34. Tate took five wickets for 37.

The tourists compiled 276, including Wyatt 78, Parsons, 64, Geary 47 and Brown 32.

In their second innings Burma were out for 137, of which Geary made 34 not out. Tate took five for 36 and Geary two for 33.

The tourists made seven runs without loss. It was a dramatic finish. The M.C.C. opened the innings with only six minutes to play, and the last ball was on the stroke of time.

FURTHER LAURELS.

£5,000 WINNER TO TRY CHANNEL?

YOUNG, THE CANADIAN.

Montreal, Jan. 17.

Efforts are being made to induce the 17-year old Toronto lad (named Young) who won the 22-mile swim with 102 competitors from Santa Catalina Island to the Californian mainland, to attempt the English Channel.

The record for the Channel is at present held by Michel, a Paris baker, in 11 hrs. 5 mins.

Young, the Toronto lad, covered the Catalina Island swim in 15 hrs. 45 mins., winning \$25,000.—"China Press."

WHAT IS IT?

STRANGE REPORT OF M.C.C. TOUR.

CRICKET SCORE OF 29-0!

Under the "three line" heading of Argentine Team beats English cricketers 29-0, the "China Press" records:—

Buenos Aires, Jan. 18.

The Argentine cricket team the M.C.C. won in the third test match to-day by 29 runs.

The honours seemed to be evenly divided and the Argentine eleven will meet the Argentine-born eleven in the fourth match to-day.

CAPE "CHANNEL" SWIM.

Cape Town.

Once again woman has triumphed over man in a long-distance endurance swim. Miss Florrie Berndt, a Robben Island nurse, to-day swam the eight-and-a-half miles channel between Robben Island and Rogge Bay in 7 3/4 hours. Ten men and two women started, but Miss Berndt was the only competitor to finish.

It will be remembered that Miss Peggy Duncan, who is only 15 years old, gained a similar distinction when the first swim was held over this course on Nov. 6 last. Miss Duncan, however, took 9 hrs. 35 mins. and was swept so much out of the direct course that she swam about fourteen miles.

Miss Berndt's performance is all the more remarkable, as the water of this channel is cold and turbulent, and entirely unsuited to a swim of this nature.

A valuable consignment of perch numbering 7,000, has been placed in the Thames, at Shepperton, by the Thames Angling Preservation Society, for restocking purposes. Perch are good sporting fish, and those turned down should flourish well in their new home.

"SUNNING" PIRACY

(Continued from Page 1.)

be drinking whiskey and smoking opium.

The only other witness who had referred to No. 8 had given his evidence in such a way that no-one could possibly believe what he said. At the police court, he had picked out No. 8 after he had had the opportunity of seeing the cabin boy pick out the man before him and after he had at the first hearing seen No. 8 in the row of prisoners.

At the Sessions, when asked if he could identify either of two men he had formerly stated the prisoner was amongst who came into the steamer with arms and told them to be quiet, he had stated that he could not. Later, when reminded by His Lordship of his previous statement, he was faced with a dilemma. He had previously pointed out someone he was not now sure of and he was frightened into sticking to his previous story "like many have done before."

In No. 8's favour, continued counsel, the Court had it that he was from a different country from the rest of the men, being a Chinese Formosan with a passport from the Japanese Government. He had given a clear statement of the reasons of his presence on board from the very outset. Was it right, asked counsel, that he should be put in jeopardy of his life by putting his case to the jury?

Counsel and Capt. Pringle. With regard to No. 14, counsel submitted, nobody seemed to know anything about him at all. Capt. Pringle, whose "ability to pick out anybody and everybody is one of the most outstanding features of the case," notwithstanding that naval officers had deposed to his dazed condition on the following morning, had stated that he saw him on the boat-deck and the alley-way with the pirates. But there were numbers of passengers who were driven from the alley-ways to the boat-deck to act as a shield.

Out of the 65 witnesses, only one other spoke of having seen him at all and that witness was contradicted by another. The pantry boy had stated that No. 14 was among the pirates who came into the cabin and searched in his boxes. The other pantry boy had stated that men came in but did nothing at all.

With regard to No. 14 also, counsel suggested that it was impossible to ask any jury to consider the question of his life or death.

No. 9 had been identified by Captain Pringle who said that he only saw him once whilst he (Capt. Pringle) was being shown to his box-room. Most of the time, according to witness, the man was following him behind.

The Capt's boy, in his enthusiasm to be of assistance, had identified the whole of 6 men whom he, with 4 others, was obliged to wait on at mealtime when the pirates were in control. Others of the enforced assistants had only identified 2. Among these six the Captain's boy had identified was No. 9.

"Typical" Features. With regard to No. 7, there was more against him, said counsel, than the others but only, he claimed, because his features were typical of a type of Chinese. This had been deposed to by Capt. Pringle, who confused him with No. 11 and by Mr. Beatty and Mr. Orr.

The story that No. 20 had given to his fellow discharged seaman who observed him tied up on deck after the "Bluebell" arrived, was given at once. He had explained that he was a pirate who had a purse similar to that which had been stolen from him (No. 7) prisoner and that the crew had prevented him from identifying the purse and that the officers, seeing him struggling with the crew, had ordered him to be tied up with the pirates.

In conclusion, counsel dealt with the application of the Crown to add another indictment involving the point as to whether there could be piracy without violence. His Lordship had already expressed an opinion without legal argument. That opinion was one also expressed by the Court of Criminal Appeal in regard to the association of robbery with murder.

Mr. Sheldon's Submissions. Addressing His Lordship on behalf of other prisoners, Mr. H. C. Sheldon submitted from various authorities that the position in law was that no one could be convicted as a principal in the first degree unless it was his hand that dealt the blow, or else that common purpose with intent to the unlawful act could be proved.

No. 20 (the man laid out on the bridge) was in a different category, said counsel, although it was obvious that he did not commit with his own hand, any act with which he was charged. He did not shoot with firearms or drive anyone to use them as a shield. There was no evidence either of intent to commit the acts mentioned in the indictment.

There was no evidence as to the others having actually committed the acts mentioned in the indictment, stated counsel, neither was there evidence of their intention to commit them. The acts with which these men were charged were not acts committed in the prosecution of simple piracy at all. The only evidence was that they had been identified as having taken part in the ransacking of the ship pointing of revolvers, etc., and none had been identified as having actually used violence with intent to endanger life which was what they were actually charged with.

In conclusion, counsel stressed the need for "common design" to be proved if the Crown was to succeed.

Mr. Nihill (for the Crown) addressed His Lordship on the doctrine of common purpose, craved in aid by defending counsel. All members of the pirate band might not have been present on the bridge when the two shots had been fired at the Chief Officer, he said. But they were surely "present" in law. The unlawful enterprise in which they were engaged was proceeding at the time. If not actually present they were constructively present.

"Ought to Have Known." Counsel quoted law journals "where several persons are engaged in the pursuit of an unlawful object and one of them does an act the others ought to have known would not be improbable in the course of pursuing such unlawful acts, all of them are guilty."

These men had gone on board the "Sunling" to commit an unlawful act, continued counsel. They carried lethal weapons, loaded. One of them did an act the others ought to have known was not improbable in the course of pursuing their purpose. Was it not reasonable to suppose that the members of the band knew or ought to have known that it was not improbable that during the course of the piracy one of those loaded lethal weapons would be discharged? No jury in the world would find that such a party of pirates would be surprised at one of the members of the gang firing a shot.

His Lordship expressed the uncertainty in his mind (in the case of No. 20) as to whether a man who was unconscious could still be held to be participating in an unlawful act.

Mr. Nihill suggested that the whole thing was that No. 20, with the others, formed his unlawful intent before he was knocked out by the officers. It could surely not be suggested that if he had come to before the piracy was complete that he would have dissociated himself with it.

His Lordship still expressed doubt as to whether an unconscious man could be held to participate in a common purpose.

Mr. Nihill said that to his mind the question of the man having participated in the first place left no room for doubt. If, for instance, he had been asleep at the time the unlawful acts referred to in the charge were committed could it still be held that he was not liable?

"It is almost a medical question," said Mr. Nihill, "but I should imagine that if a man is rendered unconscious with a certain thing in his mind it sinks into the sub-conscious and is re-awakened on return to consciousness. Unconsciousness only means that certain senses are paralysed for the time being. It does not imply that there has been a change in the man's mind."

The discussion continued until after 1 o'clock and His Lordship indicated that he would tell the jury that they need not come again this afternoon. The Crown would proceed with legal arguments and other counsel would be given the opportunity of replying. The jury would be recalled to-morrow morning.

Yesterday's Evidence. The statements made by various prisoners were read yesterday afternoon prior to the closing of the Crown case. In his statement, No. 20 prisoner stated "We admit committing the piracy. We did so to save face to the Englishmen. If we had not admitted it we should have lost face, and would not have been here. I did not take anything away, however."

In reply to questions by his Lordship and Mr. Sheldon, as to what exactly the prisoner had meant by "saving face," the interpreter replied that it meant they could have shot everyone on board if they had liked, but did not to save face.

His Lordship, it literally means "if we had not spared the English we should not have been here, we showed mercy" to them and so did not lose face.

The interpreter agreed that this was what was meant.

No. 1 prisoner stated that he was a friend of the pirate leader who had asked him on board to count the money. He had seen the pirate leader shot by the Captain. When witness boarded the "Sunling" he did not know plans had been made to pirate the ship.

No. 2 prisoner made a statement to the effect that he was an officer in the Kwangtung army, and was on the way from Amoy to Hong Kong with a letter for him at the time the ship was plundered.

"CHARMING CHAP."

A POET'S VERDICT ON COOLIDGE.

JOHN MASEFIELD'S CHAT.

Washington, Nov. 30.

An English poet and an American President met, and, according to the poet, the President is "a most charming chap." The meeting was between John Masefield, one of England's greatest contemporary poets and President Coolidge.

Mr. Masefield, who came to the United States recently for a series of readings from his works at a New York school, made a brief trip to Washington to revisit the national capital. While here he and Mrs. Masefield, who accompanied him, called on the President. On leaving the White House he was immediately besieged by a group of White House correspondents.

"Mr. Masefield, did you find the President the cold, silent man he is supposed to be?" one of them inquired.

"No, indeed, far from it," the poet said with a smile and a soft drawl. "He was just the opposite. He chatted most cordially. I would say he is a most charming chap."

"Well, can you say what you talked about?" was the further inquiry.

"Why, yes. We tried to recall in whose home we had met in Boston about nine years ago, but could not remember exactly where."

"Who recalled that you had met, you or the President?"

"It was the President. He remembered meeting me, but I could not exactly recall the incident."

Pressed for an expression as to which of his poems he liked best, Mr. Masefield was at a loss to say. He finally, and with considerable hesitation, observed that "Reynard the Fox" was his favourite.

"You see," he said, "I like the poem I am working at best at the time."—"C. S. Monitor."

CHINA COAST.

GAZETTE OF THE LATEST CHANGES.

Captain T. Johnstone, of the "Luchow," is on reserve. Captain J. B. Brude, from reserve, has gone master, "Luchow."

Captain H. Gifford, of the "Newchwang," has gone master, "Sheng-chang."

Mr. E. Michelmores, second officer, "Anking," has gone second officer, "Newchwang." Mr. F. R. Carter, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Anking."

Mr. B. A. W. Marrable, chief officer, "King Yuan," is on Home leave. Mr. W. Dickinson, chief officer, "Fatsan," has gone chief officer, "King Yuan." Mr. W. L. Skinn, from Home leave, has gone chief officer, "Fatsan."

Mr. W. R. Woodman, from reserve, has gone suply second engineer, "Sunling."

Mr. J. H. Bryson, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, "Anhui."

Mr. E. D. Steen, suply second engineer, "King Yuan," is on reserve. Mr. C. H. Bridges, acting second engineer, "Anhui," has gone third engineer, "Hupei."

Mr. R. C. H. Brass, third officer, "Chipsing," has gone third officer, "Hosang."

Mr. J. A. Johnson, third officer, "Hosang," has gone third officer, "Chipsing."

Mr. C. A. G. Roberts, from Home leave, has gone second officer, "Luenho."

Mr. P. B. Anderson, second officer, "Luenho," has resigned.

Mr. J. Turner, third engineer, "Luenho," has gone third engineer, "Fausang."

Mr. J. Findlater, third engineer, "Fausang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Hales, second officer, "Kinsan," has gone second officer, "Taisan."

Mr. W. McCubbin, second officer, "Lungshan," has gone second officer, "Kinsan."

Mr. C. T. Everingham, third officer, "Haining," has gone second officer, "Haiyang."

—Shipping & Engineering.

London reports that several Capetown trades-unions requested the British government not to permit the "Miners' Secretary Cook to visit South Africa."

The Swedish Reichstag opened with a Throne Speech emphasising the progress of the peace idea in Europe since Locarno and Germany's entry into the League.

Bagdad reports unrest following a conflict on the army increase between the Premier, Al Askari and the Parliament. Al Askari threatens to dissolve the Parliament. Disturbances are feared.

ed. He saw the pirates set fire to the ship, but had nothing to do with anything that took place. When a boat was lowered he jumped into it. He did not know the other people in the boat.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 24, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers Association.	Estate Brokers Share & Real Society.
T.T. on London	No	No	21/
T.T. on Shanghai	Quotations	Quotations	nom.
Banks	settlement	issued	DOM
Hongkong Bank	day.	to-day	1100 b
do. London			115 1/2 n
Chartered Bank			—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.			—
do. C.			—
P. & O. Bank			76 n
Bank of East Asia			—
Marine Insurance.			—
Canton Insurance			\$640 n
China Underwriters			50 c/s b
North China Insurance			—
Union Insurance			285 s
Yangtze Insurance			—
Fire Insurance.			—
China Fire Insurance			—
H.K. Fire Insurance			615 b
Shipping.			—
Douglases			30 b
Hongkong Steamboats			24 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters			1 1/2 n
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)			30 n
do. (Def.)			40 s
Shell Transports			66/ n
Star Ferries			17 s
Water-boats			15 1/2 b
Refineries.			—
China Sugars			21 n
Malayan Sugars			36 n
Mining.			—
Benguet			—
Kailan Mining Ad.			40/- n
Langkats (Combined)			25 n
do. (Single)			—
Shanghai Exploration			—
Shanghai Loan			—
Raub			3 1/2 n
Trench Mines			—
Ural Caspian			—
Docks, Wharves,			—
Gedowns, &c.			—
H.K. & K. Wharves			110 s
H.K. & W. Docks			40 b
Hongkews			165 n
New Engineerings			6 n
Shanghai Docks			110 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			—
H.K. & S. Hotels			7 1/4 b
Hongkong Lands			55 b
Hongkong Realty			6 s
H.K. Territorial			3 s
Rumphreys Estates			13 1/2 b
Prince's Building			—
Rural Lands			—
Cotton Mills.			—
Ewo Cottons			8 1/2 s
Oriental			2 1/4 s
Shanghai Cottons (old)			54 n
do. (new)			28 n
Miscellaneous.			—
Canton Ices			5 n
Cements (comb.)			7 1/2 s
do. (old)			6 s
do. (new)			1 1/2 s
China Buses			—
China Lights (comb.)			14 b
do. (old)			10 1/2 b
do. (new)			8 b
China Prov.			4 1/2 s
Dairy Farms			17 n
Der A. Wing			—
Hongkong Amusements			15 b
H.K. Constructions			2 1/4 b
Hongkong Electrics			58 b
H.K. Ropes (old)			9 1/2 s
do. (new)			3 n
Hongkong Tramways			21 1/2 b
Lane, Crawford			7 s
Macao Electrics			—
Maskintosh			—
Nanyang Tobaccos			—
Peak Trams (old)			15 b
do. (new)			7 1/2 s
Sinceres			9 n
Singapore Trams			11/- s
Taxis			75 Cts s
United Asbestos			—
do. (Founders)			—
do. (Ordinary)			—
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RADIO TOPICS

A NEW BOON.

THE RELAYING OF FOREIGN PROGRAMMES.

The excellent reception of the relay from Hilversum through British Broadcasting Company stations when a programme of dance music was specially transmitted from the big Dutch station for the benefit of British listeners, raises several interesting points. The Dutch announcer said Britain is the grateful recipient of speaking in English and between two of the items observed that it was a pleasure to be able to do something for British listeners in return for the many splendid programmes which listeners of Holland had heard from the British Broadcasting Company. Hilversum quite frequently relays Daventry, and for direct reception also, it is stated, Dutch listeners rely almost as much on Daventry as they do on their own stations.

I was informed at Savoy-hill that there are no immediate plans for future foreign relays, and there is no intention of making this a frequent feature of our programmes, says a Home paper writer. An official stated that the British Broadcasting Company preferred to maintain a high standard in their own programmes rather than to send out a great number of unsatisfactory or mediocre foreign relays. Many listeners will regret the "cut" in relays from overseas, as these re-transmissions certainly add novelty to the programmes, for the innumerable owners of small sets who cannot reach out on their own account! It is true that the modern tendency is in the direction of more selective sets, but even people who can regularly tour the ether of the Continent would find interest in special English programmes from foreign sources. Geneva, moreover, has advocated the use of broadcasting to promote international good will, and there is no doubt that a regular interchange of programmes with foreign countries would have a good effect in this direction.

The reception from Hilversum was so good that one might have imagined that the music was coming from the Savoy, though towards the end of the half-hour's re-transmission more interference became very troublesome. This unwanted weather report in dots and dashes reminded me that the Washington Radio Conference next year will probably consider a proposition to enforce the substitution of spark transmitters on ships and shore stations by continuous wave apparatus, in order to eliminate as much as possible of the existing interference with broadcasting. One estimate of the total cost of effecting this change on the mercantile marine of the world is £20,000,000, and it seems extremely improbable that any such sweeping alteration will be made for some years to come.

BROADCASTING.

RAIDING RADIO PIRATES AT HOME.

The "war" against radio pirates, those people who listen-in without a Post Office licence, which, as I indicated recently, is about to be launched by the Post Office, will probably coincide with the change over in the New Year to the new Government regime of broadcasting, said a "Daily Telegraph" writer in mail week. Post Office officials who are organising this campaign are naturally reluctant to reveal details of the methods that will be employed. Up to the present there have been about 500 convictions of unlicensed listeners, and it is stated that each prosecution is followed by a large number of applications for licences. I asked a British Broadcasting Company official whether any idea had been formed as to the number of unlicensed listeners in the country, and he informed me that, while there was obviously no means of accurately estimating the number, he imagined it might be somewhere in the neighbourhood of half a million. The Post Office officials concerned in the new plans have plenty of information at their disposal to enable them to track down offenders.

LATEST ENTERPRISE.

A WIRELESS SERVICE TO PORTUGAL.

A direct high-speed wireless telegraph service between England and Portugal was opened in mail week and there was an exchange of complimentary messages between the Portuguese Ambassador in London and the President of Portugal, the Portuguese Ambassador and the Portuguese Foreign Minister, in Lisbon, the Portuguese Minister of Commerce and the President of the British of Trade, and also between the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, the London Chamber of Commerce and similar organisations in Portugal, Senatore Marconi and Mr. Kellaway, (chairman and managing director of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Ltd.), and Dr. Centeno (chairman of the Portuguese Marconi Company).

The new service is the first of a number of wireless telegraph services which are being established by the Portuguese Marconi Company under a forty years' concession granted by the Portuguese Government to Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Ltd. to undertake the organisation of a complete wireless telegraph and telephone system to place Portugal in wireless communication with her colonies and the principal capitals of Europe, South America, and other countries.

Wireless stations are being built under this concession near Lisbon, in Cape Verde Islands, Madeira, the Azores, Mozambique, and Angola. One of the group of transmitting stations to be erected at Afragide, near Lisbon, and one of the corresponding receiving stations at Vendas Novas will work at high speed with the Marconi stations at Ovar and Brentwood, near London, and with the principal capitals of Europe; another station will communicate with the Portuguese islands and with ships at sea; and Marconi short-wave beam stations are also being built for communication with Brazil and other parts of South America, and the Portuguese colonies at Mozambique and Angola, where, of course, similar beam stations are being constructed.

PURE MUSIC BY WIRELESS.

We are all familiar with loud speaker reproduction of wireless music, but in how many cases can it be truthfully said that it sounds as if the actual singer or orchestra were in the same room?

With the introduction of the new Point One series of valves, made by Messrs. A. C. Cossor, Ltd., broadcast reception enters a new phase. Cast-iron mounting, a new method of construction evolved by Cossor and employed for the first time in these valves, at last permits a standard of reproduction comparable only to the flesh and blood artists themselves. It is difficult to believe one's ears. Every tone and subtle variation in the singer's voice is repeated with uncanny accuracy. The very individuality which has made her a great artist is minutely reproduced. Not only does the Cossor valve excel when reproducing the human voice, but it is equally at home with a full orchestra, reproducing the light and shade with a remarkable faithfulness. Music lovers have been quick to realise the advantages of this new valve, and although it is only a few months since it was introduced to the public, it has already achieved a most remarkable popularity.

Among those who signed a complaint about "oscillation" was Arthur Frank Harrison, a wireless apparatus dealer, of Cavendish-drive, Leytonstone. As a result his house was visited, and it was found that he was using a wireless set without a licence. "A bit of cheek, having a set working illegally and complaining of people interfering with it. Pay £22," said the chairman of the Stratford Bench.

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RADIO CHARTER.

A STORM OF CRITICISM RAISED.

A storm of criticism is raging round the terms embodied in the Royal Charter for the British Broadcasting Corporation.

There were 2,000,000 odd licensed listeners in England at the end of October. Under the old scheme, of £1,000,000, the B.B.C. was allowed only £500,000.

Under the new Charter, on the first million licences, yielding £500,000, the Postmaster-General will retain £62,500 for administrative expenses, and £48,750 for revenue, handing over to the B.B.C. £393,750.

On the second million licences the Postmaster-General will still take £62,500, and in addition £87,500 for revenue, leaving £369,000 for the Broadcasting Corporation.

Thus, in place of £500,000, under the new scheme £743,750 will be available for broadcasting purposes. The Government will receive £256,250, or, after the deduction of £125,000 for expenses, a clear profit of £131,250.

Representative Opinions.

A number of representative people have expressed their opinions. The following is a selection:

Sir Arthur Stanley: The Post Office ought not to take the surplus, but should either hand it back to the B.B.C. for development work or else reduce the cost of the licences. To raid the fund is the same as raiding the Road Fund—taking money for a purpose not originally intended. After all, the listener is the first person who should be considered.

Mr. Hore-Belisha, M.P.: There is nobody on the new board who understands the entertainment industry. It is a great pity, for broadcasting obviously must be run by people who understand the art of entertaining and not only the art of business.

Professor A. M. Low: The sparseness of money for the new B.B.C. is not going to help radio. A new science like this requires ample funds for expansion, development, and research.

The money paid by the listeners should be used for the listeners' benefit. It is much easier to tune into the bigger Continental broadcasting stations than the British stations. In the case of a national emergency we might have the Continental stations shouting us down, so that, instead of listening to Mr. Baldwin, we should be compelled to listen to Stalin or Trotsky.

An Official of the Radio Society: There are too many mere business people engaged in the B.B.C. and too little attention is being paid to the real entertainment of the listeners. The arts ought to be fully represented so that all interests will be catered for.

There ought to be someone, too, to represent the radio manufacturers, so that there could be a full measure of co-ordination and co-operation between the broadcasting and reception.

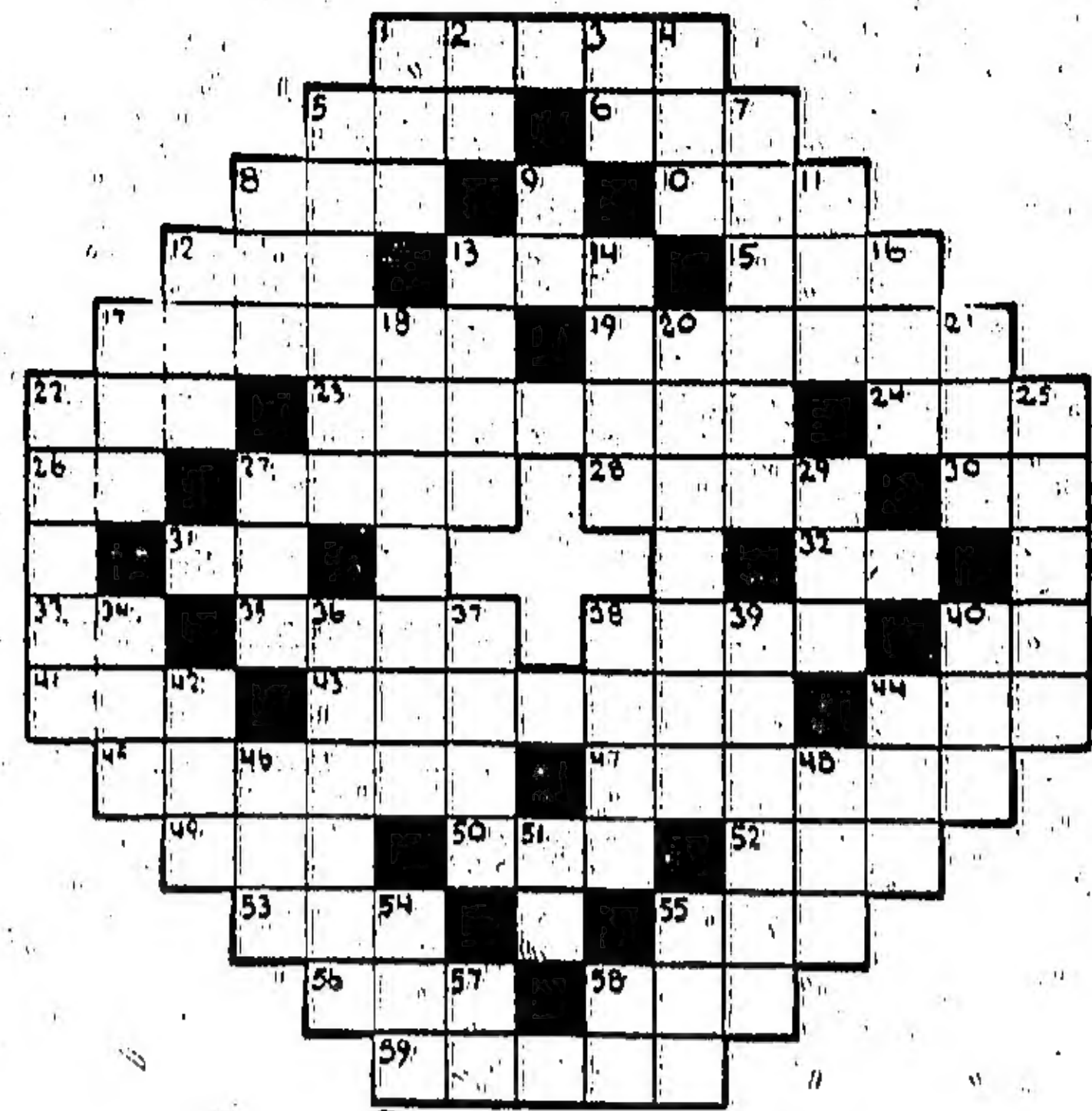
Sir Oswald Stoll: The Broadcast Charter is a restriction upon broadcasting, not a natural development of it. It looks very like a political move to undermine the freedom of the press by unfair competition with the newspapers.

WHERE BRITAIN EXCELS.

An American Journal confesses that the B.B.C. has brought simultaneous broadcast to a fine art and that no country can hope to catch up to, much less to compete with, Britain in this respect. The necessarily crude arrangement originally adopted has been considerably perfected, and by a system of relays, all the processes can now be supervised by one person. Listeners may have noted the speed with which every station is now linked up with one centre after, perhaps, having taken a programme from some other station hundreds of miles away. It is seldom that any hitch occurs, which speaks volumes for the skill and foresight of the B.B.C. engineers and their Post Office "conspirators."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and ultho.)



© THE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE

HORIZONTAL

- 1-Sky-vapor
- 5-Low murmur
- 6-Title of address
- 8-Winnow, as grain
- 10-Seat in church
- 12-Existed
- 13-Projection at the side of a fireplace
- 17-Remit
- 17-In some degree
- 19-A child's school book
- 22-Easy-going
- 23-Device for making an accent (pl.)
- 24-Haul
- 26-Article
- 27-Celebration
- 28-Obligation
- 30-Act
- 31-Prefix meaning "new"
- 32-Prefix meaning "out"
- 33-Concerning
- 35-Blender
- 38-Evergreen tree (pl.)
- 40-Conjunction
- 41-Despoil
- 43-A medicinal plant

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 44-Deep bark, as of dogs
- 45-The esophagus
- 47-The drink of the gods
- 48-A minute mark
- 50-Finish
- 52-Box for packing
- 53-Wooden pin
- 55-Pollman (slang)
- 56-A small carpet
- 58-Member of ancient Tartar race
- 59-Back tooth

VERTICAL

- 1-Peruse
- 2-Observe
- 3-Prudent
- 4-To immerse
- 5-A strong fortress
- 7-Meat
- 8-Distant
- 9-Provided that
- 11-Small compact mass
- 12-To become larger gradually
- 13-Famous R. L. Stevenson character
- 14-Reared
- 16-Bill
- 17-A woodland sprite (Myth.)
- 18-Openwork of crossed bars
- 20-Learned
- 21-Sixteen and one-half feet
- 22-Tail
- 23-Fret
- 27-Convulsion
- 28-Affirmative
- 29-Mist
- 30-Rope for holding a horse
- 37-Brief letter
- 38-Discover
- 39-Calculate
- 40-Used in rowing
- 42-Unopened flower
- 44-Flying mammal
- 46-To cut off
- 48-To tilt
- 51-Negative
- 54-A chewing preparation
- 55-Mongrel
- 57-Process
- 58-Exclamation

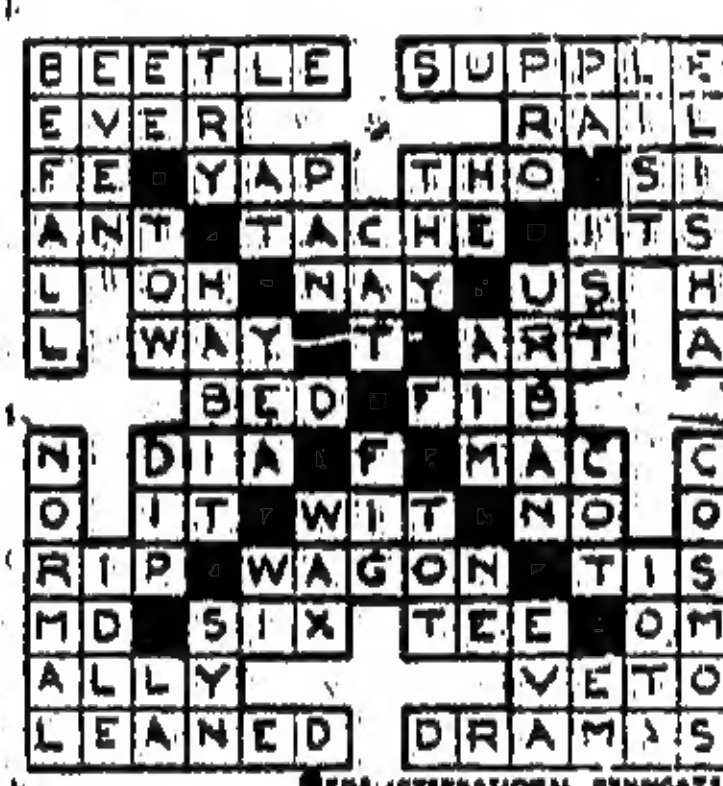
(The solution of this cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

NEW WIRELESS STATION.

Strasbourg is to have a powerful broadcasting station as the result of the action of a group of Alsatian patriots interested in replying to the Germans who have just strengthened their propaganda station at Freiburg-im-Breisgau.

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"PROTEUS" 25th Feb. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	TUESDAY, JANUARY 25.	Per.
Straits	25.	Kitano Maru.
Japan	25.	Araura.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai and Europe	26.	Talma.
via Siberia	28.	Pres. Jackson.
Japan	28.	Fushimi Maru.
Manila	29.	President Pierce.
Europe via Negapatam letters only	29.	Hakata Maru.
30th Dec, 1926.	30.	
Europe via Negapatam (papers only)	30.	Seang Bee.
30th Dec, 1926.	1.	Dartagnan.
Japan & Shanghai	1.	

OUTWARD MAILS.

To	TUESDAY, JANUARY 25.	Per.
Saigon	5.30 p.m.	Prosper
Manila	10.51 a.m.	Cyclops
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 13th Feb. & EUROPE via Siberia (Letters & Postcards, specially superscribed "via Siberia" only). Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	5 p.m.	Empress of Canada
Amoy	10.30 a.m.	Shantung
Hohow & Haiphong	10.30 a.m.	Teian
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (Letters and postcards, specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	2.30 p.m.	Kitano Maru
Shanghai & Wei Hai Wei	5 p.m.	Newchwang
Swatow Amoy & Fuchow	5 p.m.	Kotau Maru
Bangkok	10.30 a.m.	Chakrang
Swatow	10.30 a.m.	Szechuen
Java via Sourabaya	11.30 a.m.	Tjisondari
Manila	3.30 p.m.	President Jackson
Swatow, Amoy & Fuchow	1 p.m.	Haining
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 12th Feb. Parcels noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	5 p.m.	Araura
Shanghai	29.	Chonan
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 27th Feb. Registration 2.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	5 p.m.	Fushimi Maru
Straits & Calcutta. Parcel 9 a.m. Letter 10 a.m.		Kumang

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TRADE BOOM.

REVIVAL OF THE COTTON INDUSTRY.

EXPORTS TO THE EAST.

Rugby, Jan. 24.

Trade papers report distinct signs of revival in the Lancashire cotton spinning and manufacturing industry.

Reports from large manufacturing centres, such as Blackburn and Preston, show that idle looms are being restarted.

Shippers and merchants engaged in the export trade to the East, to the Continent and to the British Dominions are dealing with an extensive demand.

It is stated that some merchants during the past fortnight have bought thousands of pounds worth more of piece goods than in any similar period during the past six years.—British Wireless Service.

NEW MOTOR WAR.

AMERICA AND BRITISH MARKET.

London, Jan. 4.

The "Westminster Gazette" in a special article maintains that the American automobile companies are silently reorganising for the consolidation of their hold on the British market.

It will soon be possible to buy in Great Britain and the Empire half-a-dozen types of American light cars at prices which, undoubtedly will make a powerful appeal to the public. This will be done in several ways: (1) By a merger of the firms of American car manufacturers which, if it materialises, will oust the great General Motors Corporation; (2) by the adoption of one profit on the unit built car principle; (3) by the simplification of design.

Mr. Dillon, the leader of the New York bankers who financed the Dodge Company, is endeavouring to combine the following locomobile companies:—The Flint, Star, Dodge, Graham Brothers, Studebaker, Stutz, Peerless, Continental Motors, Hayeshunt, Sody, Adam-Saxle, and the Spicer Company.

Wolsley Motors.

London, Jan. 8.

The American syndicate's offer for Wolsley Motors was at first outbid by Mr. Morris, who exceeded it by \$500,000.

To-day, the Americans made a further offer, which, it is understood, considerably exceeds any previous bid.

It will not be disclosed till the Bankruptcy Court meeting on January 12.

Mr. Morris is said to be undaunted and is determined to keep Wolsley's British.

BIG WINDFALLS.

\$104,000 GIFT FOR HOME HOSPITAL.

London, Jan. 8.

A number of generous gifts to hospitals and public institutions have been announced.

The motor manufacturer, Mr. Morris, has donated \$104,000 to St. Thomas's Hospital.

Sir Gilbert Wills has donated \$50,000 to Guy's Hospital.

Lord Buckland has gifted \$5,000 annually for seven years towards the building fund of the National Museum of Wales, which is being erected at Cardiff.

The late Mr. David Gibson has left \$25,000 for research buildings at Dundee University.

MANILA CINEMA.

"THE FINEST IN THE EAST" CLAIM.

Manila, Jan. 14.

An outdoor cinema with a seating capacity of 5,000 opened here in January. It is the largest and possibly the finest in the Far East. There are first, second, and third class seats, prices being accordingly. The screen is 20 by 25 feet and constructed in such a way that there is no glare from the pictures from any angles viewed.

Late in the year when the days are longer the screen will be hooded to ward off the glare of late sunsets, so brilliant here.

TRADE FACTS.

HOME INDUSTRY CENSUS COMPLETED.

Rugby, Jan. 24.

Britain's industrial census begun in February of 1925 is practically completed and the Board of Trade expects to be able to publish the first results in a few days. It will enable the public to see what percentage of "net output value" goes to labour and how much to the employer.

"Net output value is an economic term invented by the Board of Trade, and is the gross or selling value at the factory door of the manufacturer's production, less the cost of materials. In other words it is the value added by capital and labour.

The inquiry will show the relative importance of home and foreign markets and whether an industry is advancing or going back.—British Wireless Service.

MEXICO'S OIL LAWS.

COMPANIES GAIN TEMPORARY PROTECTION.

Mexico City, Jan. 24.

The various district courts which have rendered decisions in the so-called "amparo" suits filed by the oil companies have refused to grant permanently restraining orders against the operation of the oil laws but have granted temporary orders protecting specific pieces of property about a hundred, amparos, or temporary protection certificates filed against certain provisions of the law.

Pending appeals to higher courts, the companies remain in possession of their properties, although they are reported to be restricting operations.—Reuter's American Service.

KEEPING ALOOF.

RUSSIA REJECTS LEAGUE INVITATION.

Geneva, Jan. 24.

Replying to the League invitation to participate in the forthcoming International Economic Conference, M. Litvinoff reiterates Russia's refusal to attend the conference or to nominate representatives to any international conference on Swiss soil.—Reuter.

ORDERED TO BE READY.

5TH ARMOURD CAR COMPANY.

London, Jan. 24.

The 5th Armoured Car Company, stationed at Scarborough has been ordered to be ready to go to China if wanted.—Reuter.

KRUPPS' MAN'S SUICIDE.

London, Jan. 3.

Herr von Larr, a trusted servant of Krupp, arrested at Essen on the charge of spying for France, committed suicide in his prison cell.

BACK TO GOLD?

FRANCE'S HEAVY BULLION SHIPMENTS.

OPINION IN AMERICA.

New York, Jan. 24.

A shipment of \$4,200,000 worth of gold bullion from France arrived on Jan. 22, following closely on the arrival of a \$4,000,000 consignment earlier in the week, which was the first since the war.

Some quarters hold the opinion that this is the initial step in an attempt by France to return to the gold standard without a Franco-American debt settlement and without revalorisation of the franc.—Reuter's American Service.

EXPLOSIVE INVENTOR.

Paris, Jan. 24.

The death is announced of M. Eugene Turpin, the inventor of melinite.—Reuter.

[Melinite or Lyddite is a bright yellow crystalline solid, consisting of picric acid of trimetaphenol. Melinite is a high explosive used as a bursting charge for shells.]

HELPING FLOOD VICTIMS.

Washington, Jan. 13.

Relief to sufferers from the recent floods in the Mississippi Valley and Alabama is sought in a Bill introduced into Congress. The measure proposes an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Pasadena (California), Jan. 13.

Several persons narrowly escaped injury yesterday when a Santa Fe train carrying Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, the evangelist, on her tour of the Middle West, backed into a crowd that gathered about the observation platform to bid God-speed to the pastor of Angelus Temple.

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